

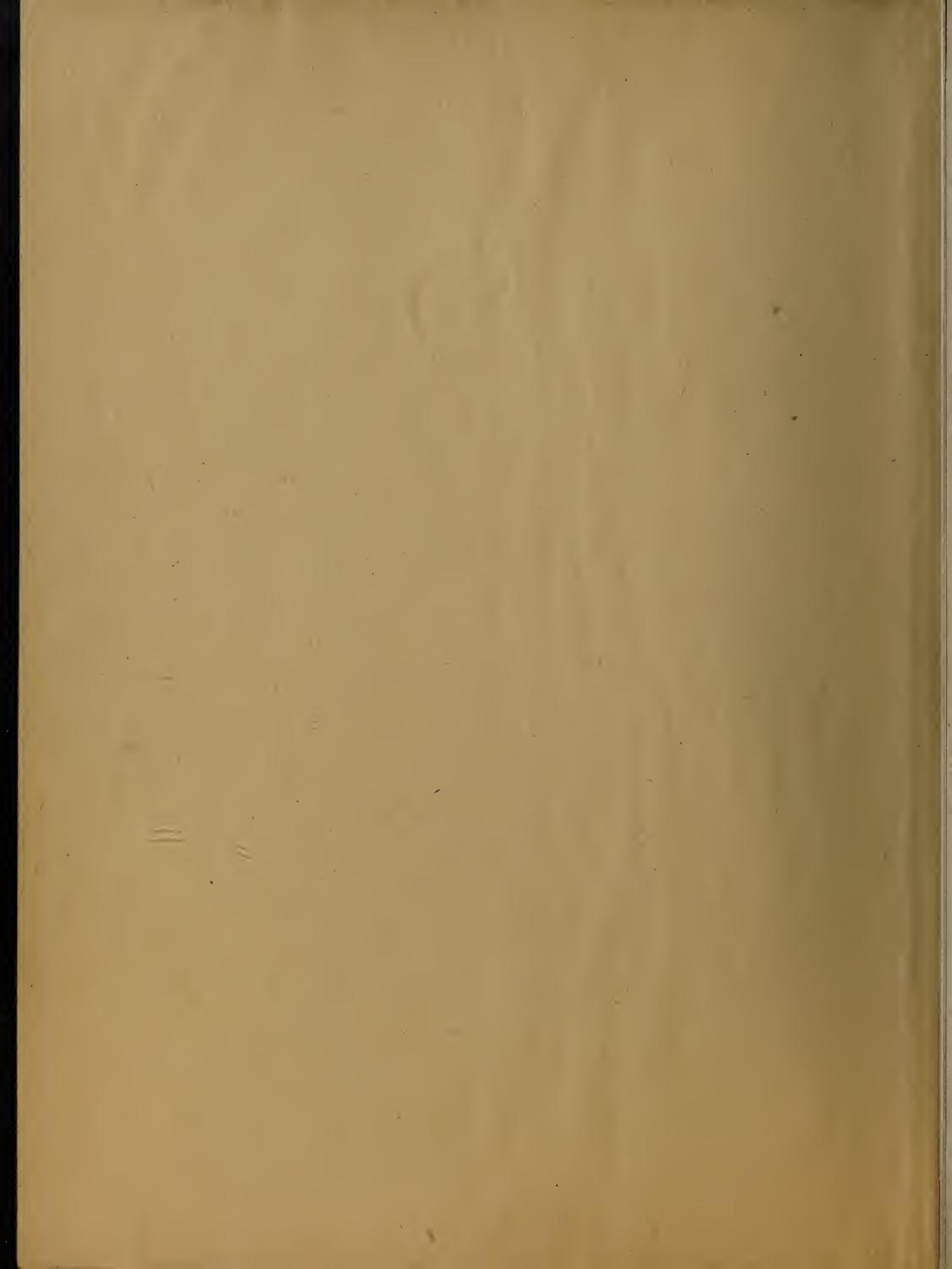
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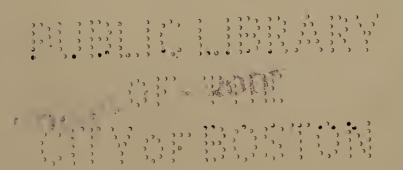
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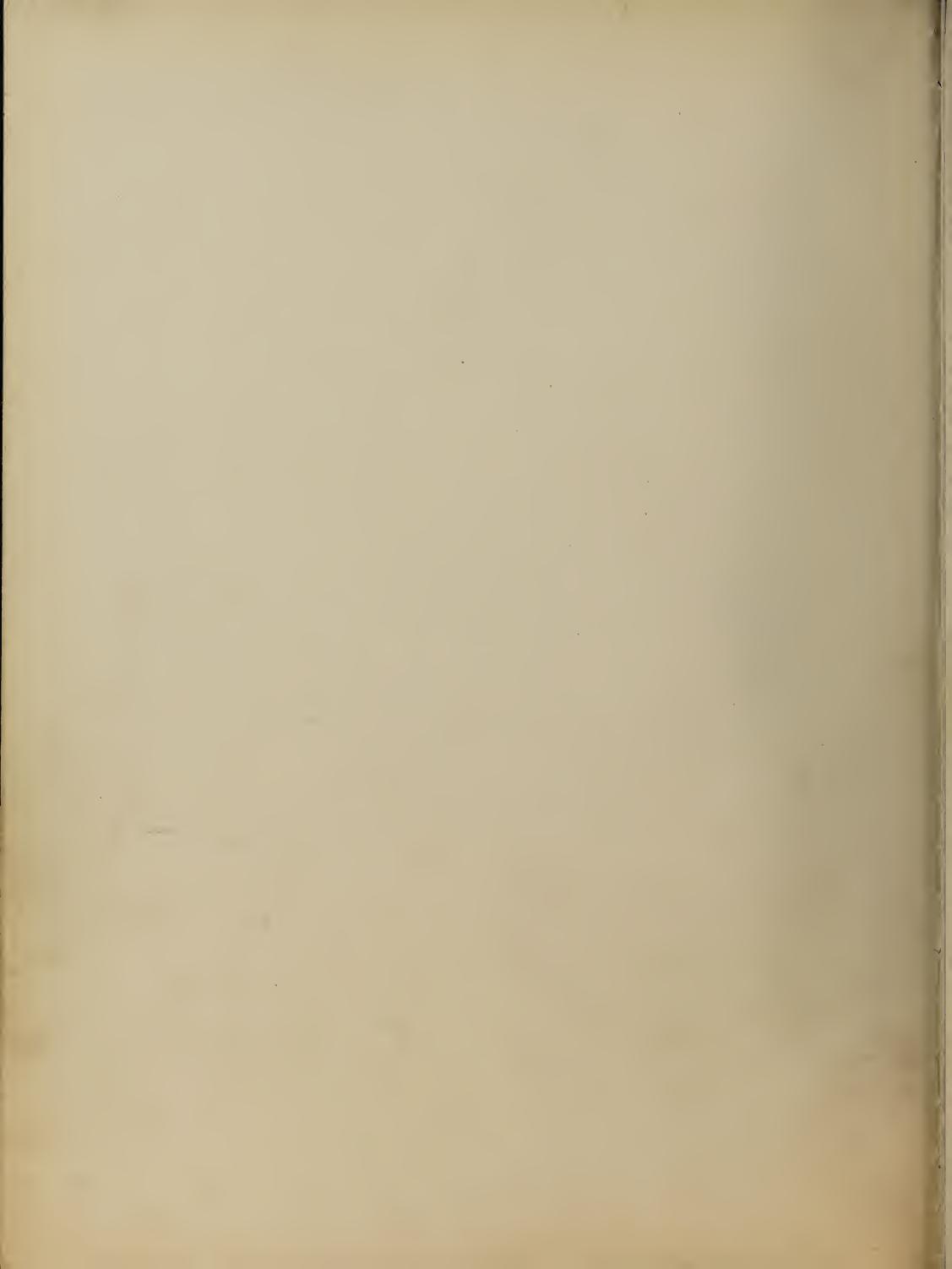
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ALL THE CHILDREN I KNOW

AND ALSO TO THOSE I DO NOT KNOW

THIS BOOK IS DEDICATED



PREFACE

This collection of songs has no ambitious pretensions. It is intended for the use of very youthful amateurs, ranging from infancy to the comparative maturity of teens. Their interest in the book may it is hoped be stimulated by the fact that every song has a picture attached to it.

The first section, entitled "Action Songs, First Series," consists of very easy songs, most of which are known in every nursery. It is a matter of common experience that quite tiny children can join more or less in the actions of such songs as "The Mulberry Bush," "Looby, Looby," or "When I was a Lady." But, as many a devoted mother has probably found, the ordinary repertory of songs as easy of performance as these is somewhat limited. An attempt has here been made to enlarge that repertory by adding some simple songs taken from other countries as well as from our own. The actions of these, at any rate, if not always the words or the tune, can be joined in by any child who is able to stand upright and to dance round with the others, hand-in-hand, without falling down oftener than reason.

The next section, "Action Songs, Second Series," contains songs that are not quite so simple, but that can still be joined in by little children who can imitate their elders. Songs such as "My Pretty Maid," "Come, Lasses and Lads," "The Keys of Heaven," &c., make quite attractive little scenes, and form effective items in any entertainments which include performances by children.

Then follows a series intended to be sung not by the children, but to them, by their mothers or nurses. I have called this series "Songs at Supper-time," because I have so often seen small children rejoiced by having little tunes crooned to them while they were having their supper or going to bed. Some of these croonings are practically action songs for the person who is singing them to the children. But I would not insult any intelligent parent or competent nurse by offering suggestions as to the actions which should accompany "Pat-a-cake," "Peter Polt," &c. The same thing applies to "Mary Rides," a longer song included in the last portion of the book, in which the words sufficiently indicate what the parent should do with the child riding on his or her knee. The

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Supper Songs are not usually sung to an accompaniment; none therefore has been given.

The last portion of the book consists of songs without actions, but suitable to be sung by children; and includes, besides several well-known songs, a selection from Stevenson's *Child's Garden of Verses*.

The music, where not traditionally attached to given words, has been taken from various national sources. I think I may claim that none of the tunes in this book would debase a child's musical taste, while they are all simple, gay, and easily apprehended.

The effectiveness of action songs is enhanced by making the children come in and go out in some sort of arranged figure, either dancing or marching. A dance forms a very effective introduction, interlude, or conclusion to singing. It is better not to try to make children, small children especially, sing and dance simultaneously unless for a very short time, as they cannot give due attention to both, and the attempt is apt to end by the song tailing off in a breathless undertone. This does not apply to the songs of the First Series, in which in any case there is no question of a finished performance, and in all of which the performers go round hand-in-hand in a circle while singing the beginning of each verse, then stand while they do the actions suitable to it.

Several diagrams are given in the following pages illustrating some simple effective ways of coming in and going out, in single or double file. It is astonishing how quickly little children pick up these figures, and how easy it is to teach them. If an intelligent child who can be depended upon is placed at the head of each file, the rest have only to follow.

As to the steps to be used: the ordinary one, which I shall call the tripping step, consists in dancing briskly in while jumping twice on each foot, which most children do naturally. The chassé is equally easy, in which two gliding steps forward when dancing in are done with each foot. Both of these, or else a simple marching step, are suitable for little children. For the more advanced, a polka step forward is very effective. The children should also be taught to mark time if desired, when standing in the same place, with alternate feet. This can be done in various ways, and is very easily learnt. They can either lift up each foot alternately in time without jumping, or do the same thing lightly jumping on each foot; or, standing on both feet, raise the heels together standing on the toes, then lower the heels again in time to the music. Or else, which is a little more elaborate, jump on one foot and cross the other one in front and repeat the same thing with the other foot.

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I add one or two simple recommendations, probably superfluous. The children, if they have to sing while standing in a row facing the audience, should be taught to look straight at the audience while singing, and not at one another, as they are apt to do. They should be told not to sing from their chests but from their heads. This can be furthered by making them practise singing a scale downwards, beginning at the top, and singing down an octave, softly rather than loud. Should couples have to dance in hand-in-hand, it is much prettier if the joined hands are held high up instead of hanging down. The effect of these dancing entrances, either of a single or a double file, can be varied by the children having coloured handkerchiefs or little flags to wave above their heads as they come in. When little girls have to advance and retire in the dance, they should of course hold up their frocks in front with both hands.

All these very obvious directions apply in the case only of more or less organised performances. The action songs in the First Series do not of course come under this heading; these are only games, and it does not matter how they are performed. I would also suggest that no fuss should be made if there are children who do not want to take part in such songs, and who draw back when asked to join the others. I have seen many a minor tragedy arise on such occasions from the mistaken zeal of grown-ups, when a shy child—who left alone would probably have joined the singers of its own accord—has been forced to take part with them against its will, and been roused into antagonism by the conflict. But such an attitude is happily exceptional. Children of every age are usually willing and eager to join the singing circle, in which small fat staggering performers, watching and imitating their elders, career round and round in whole-hearted enjoyment. It is to such performers, the most entrancing Corps de Ballet in the world, that I commend this book.

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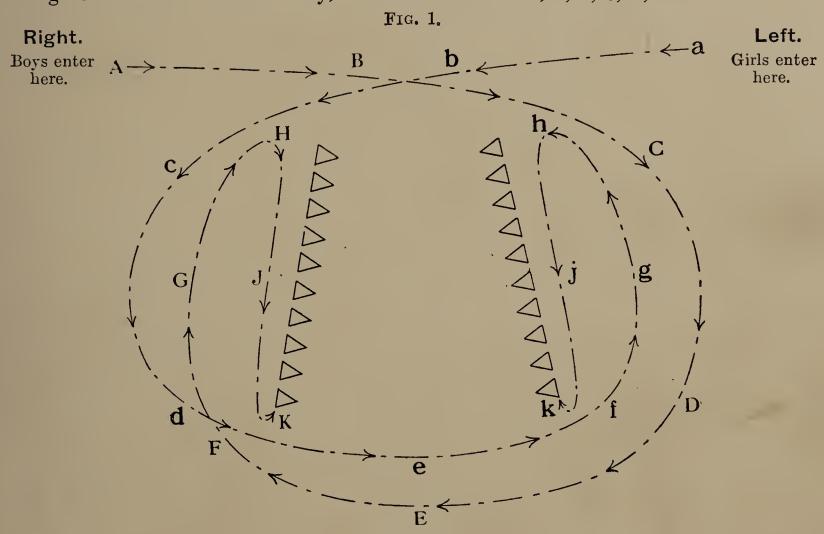
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Diagrams of very simple figures for entrances and exits of Performers, either dancing or marching



Audience.

Girls dance in from a along path indicated by letters, and at k form in line. Boys do same from A, forming in line at K.

This is a suitable figure for songs sung by opposite rows of boys and girls, such as "Come, Lasses and Lads," "The Keys of Heaven," "My Pretty Maid," &c.

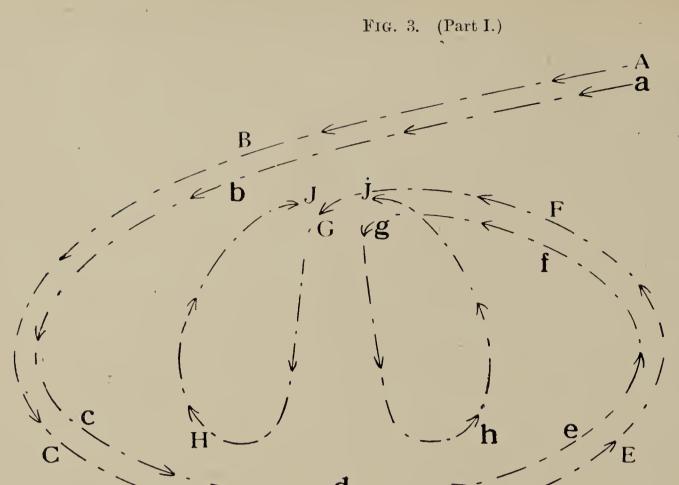
Fig. 2. (Easy entrance figure for infants.)

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A

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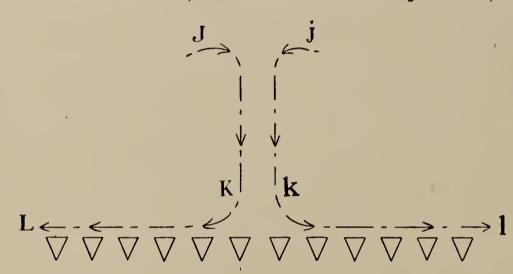
Children dance in at A in single file, and round stage. Form in line H to I facing audience.



D

Enterhere in couples hand in hand. At G, g divide, come down stage, turn up at H, h and go up as far as J, j.

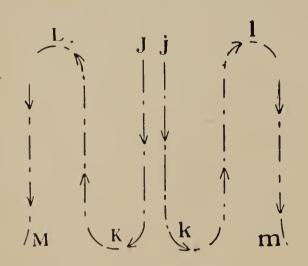
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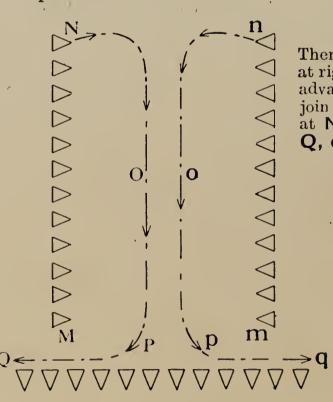


At J, j join hands again and come down to K, k, then divide and form into line facing audience, L, I.

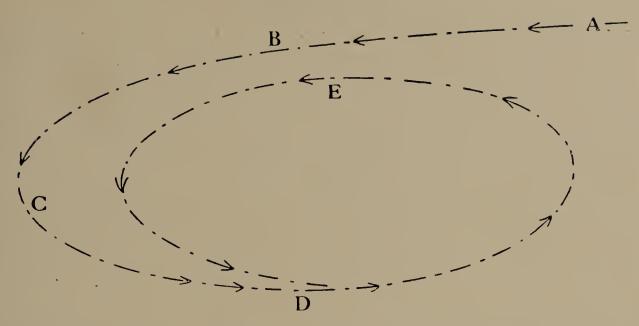
Fig. 3. (continued). (Further possible extension and variant of Part II.)

Or else, arrived at K, k, divide and go up once more. At L turn back and come down at M, m.



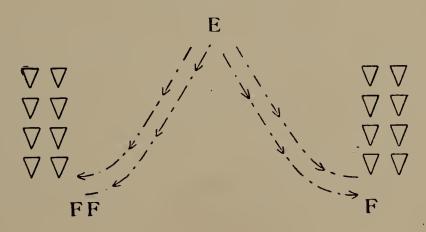


Then form into two rows at right angles to audience, advance and retreat, then join and come down middle at NOP and form line Q, q facing audience.



Dance in from A, in single file, along B, C, D to E. At E all join hands and dance round twice in a circle. Then at E divide into couples, dancing off E to F and E to F F.

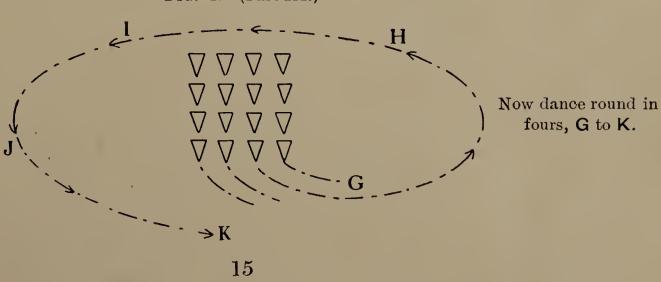
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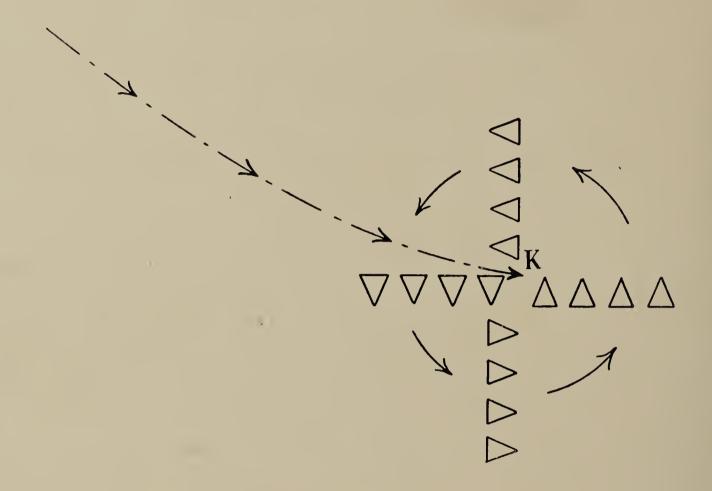
Now the couples dance sideways across stage facing audience all the time, the F couples going to the F F side and vice versâ. Then dance again sideways, but only to middle of stage, so that the couples meet and form in fours, still facing audience.



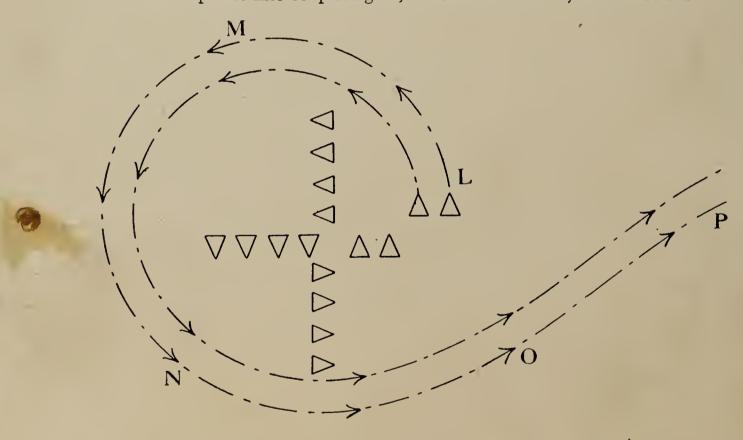
Fig. 4. (Part III.)



At K the end ones of each four join hands in middle and dance round twice, then all face the other way and dance round in that direction.



Then separate into couples again, dance round L to P, and dance off.

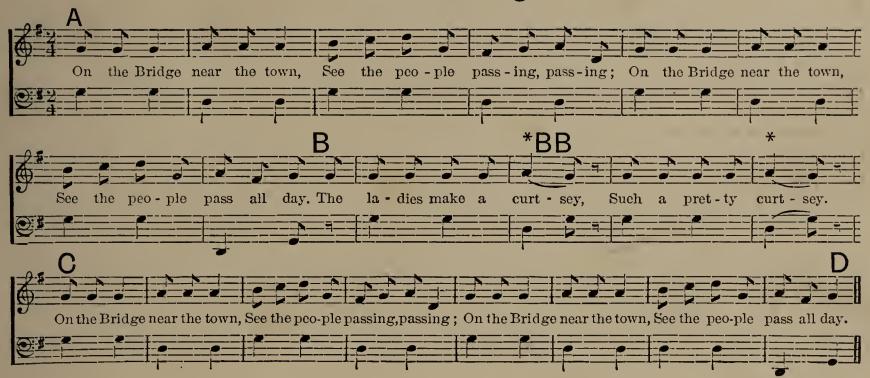


Figs. 3 and 4 can either be used with all the parts as shown, or simplified by taking one part singly and using it as a figure. Separate instructions for exit have not been given, as this can in each case be easily arranged by the performers simply reversing their entrance figure.

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On the Bridge



Dance round in a circle from (A) to (B), then stand, and at * do actions indicated. Then dance round again from (C) to (D).

2

On the bridge, &c.

(E) The young men make a low bow, Such a very low bow.
On the bridge, &c.

3

The soldiers march so stately, Very very stately.

(F) On the bridge, &c.

The aeroplane comes flying, (G) Overhead comes flying.
On the bridge, &c.

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- (H) The children all come dancing, Very gaily dancing.
- (J) On the bridge, &c.

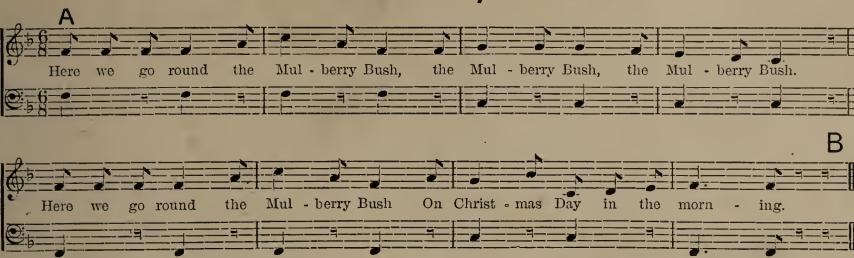
(BB) Girls hold frocks, make deep curtsey. (E) Boys take off hats with right hand, left hand on heart. Make low bow. (F) Stand erect and mark time with feet. (G) Point upwards (looking up) with right hand. (H) All take hands and mark time. (J) Loose hands and all dance lightly out in single file.



When I was a Lady



The Mulberry Bush



2 This is the way we clap our hands,

We clap our hands, We clap our hands,

This is the way we clap our hands,

On Christmas day in the morning.

Here we go round, &c.

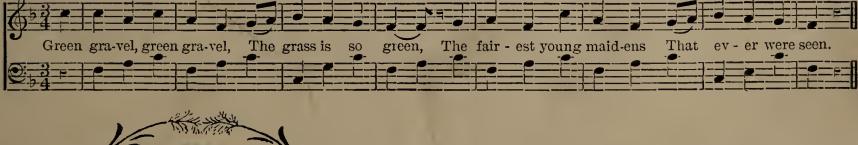
- 3 This is the way we wash our faces, &c.
- 4 This is the way we wash our hands, &c.
- 5 This is the way we brush our hair, &c.
- 6 This is the way we tie our shoes, &c.
- 7 This is the way we run away, &c.

The above words sufficiently indicate the actions which should accompany them.

The 8 bars from A to B should be repeated between each verse, dancing round in a circle.



Green Gravel





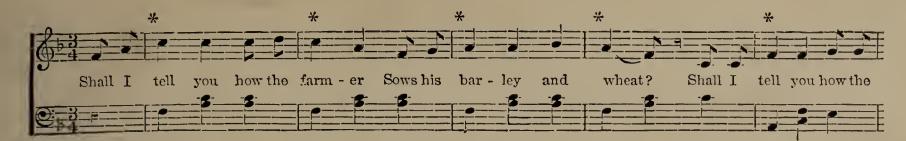
2 Green gravel, green gravel,
 Put Betty inside,
 The fairest young maiden
 I ever espied.

Each child is put inside the ring in turn till all are there, those who remain in the ring dancing round them or walking round in single file, when there are too few left to join hands.

Nuts in May



The Farmer







(**A**)

Look, 'tis thus thus that the farmer Sows his barley and wheat; Look, 'tis thus thus that the farmer Sows his barley and wheat.

Shall I tell you how the farmer Reaps his barley and wheat? (twice)

(B) Look, 'tis thus thus, &c. (twice)

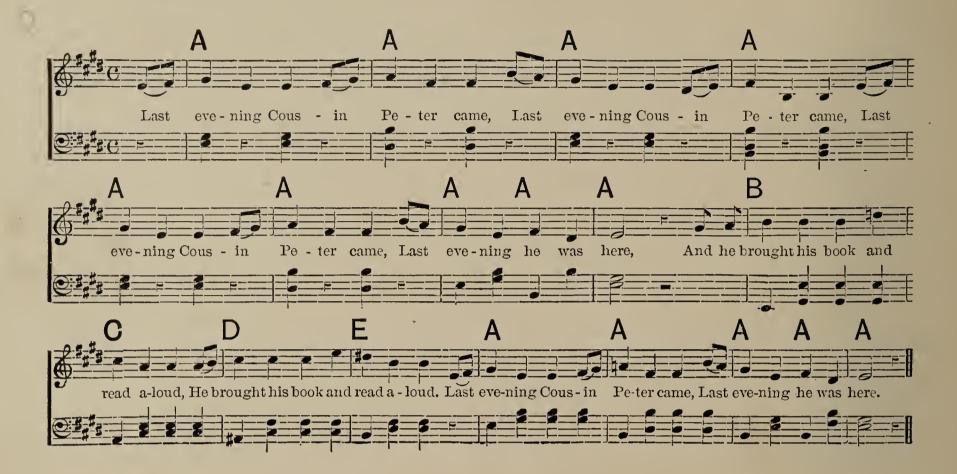
Shall I tell you how the farmer Thrashes barley and wheat? (twice) (C) Look, 'tis thus thus, &c. (twice)

Shall I tell you how the farmer Drives his horses afield? (twice) (D) Look, 'tis thus thus, &c. (twice)

Shall I tell you how the farmer Rests when labour is over? (E) Look, 'tis thus thus, &c.

(A) Action of sowing—left arm folded across breast, right hand taking grain out and scattering it. (B) Action of reaping with a sickle -left hand holding plant, right hand cutting it down. (C) Action of threshing with a flail, stamping at same time. (D) Action of driving -left hand holding reins, right hand flourishing whip. (E) Hands folded together and head rested sideways on them, with eyes closed.

Cousin Peter



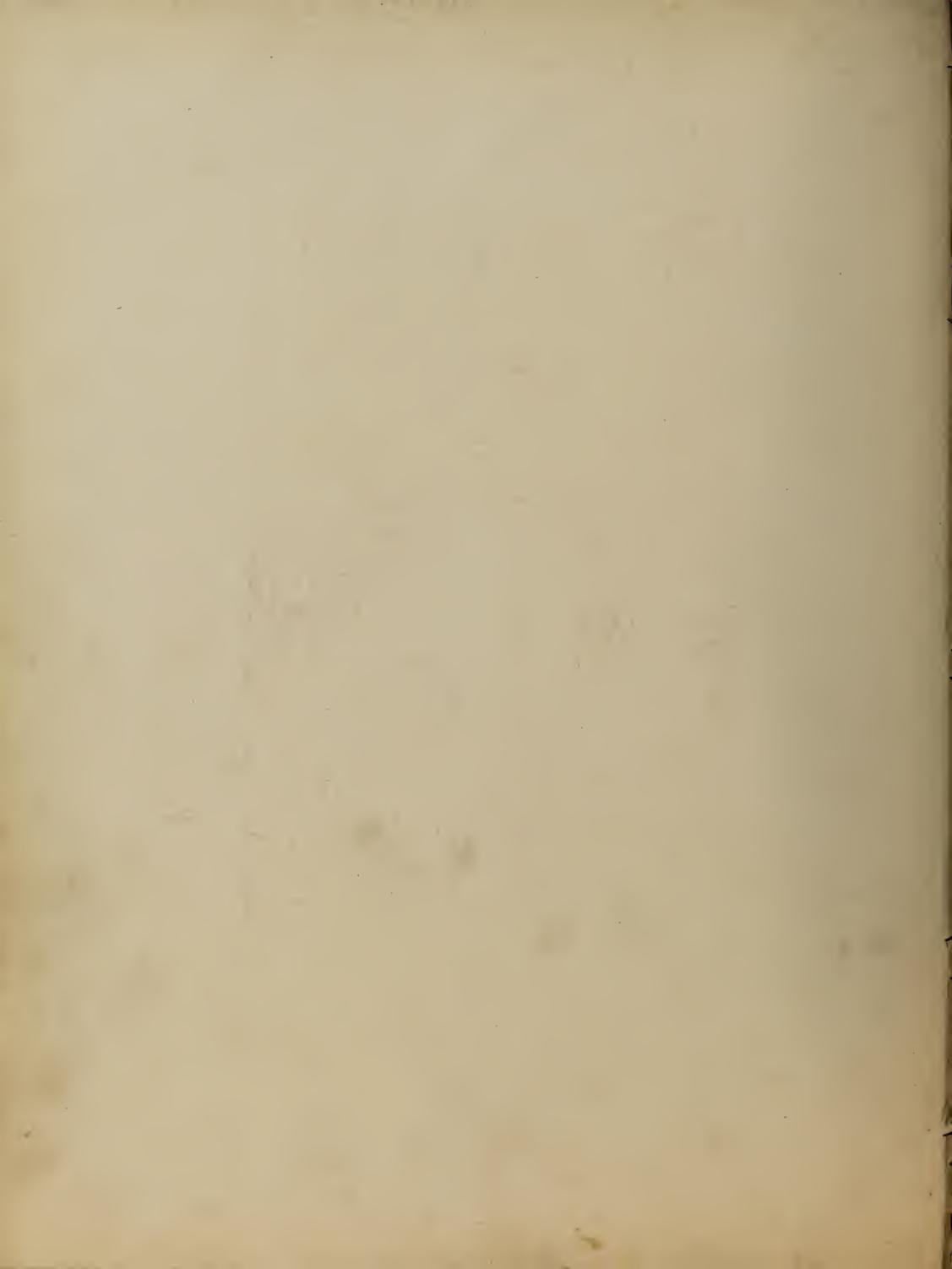
- 2 Last evening Cousin Peter, &c. He brought his hat and took it off.
- 4 Last evening, &c.

 He brought his pen and wrote a note.
- 3 Last evening, &c.
 He brought his pipe and had a smoke.
- 5 Last evening, &c.
 He brought his mug and drank some beer.
- 6 Last evening, &c.
 He made a bow and said good-night.

During the first eight bars look from side to side and shake forefinger impressively as though telling a story; this movement to be made at A.

- B 1st verse.—Hold up both hands in front of singers as though supporting a book, move head from side to side as though reading.
 - 2nd verse.—Lift hat with slight inclination of head, turn first to right and then to left at B, C, D, E.
- B 3rd verse.—Action of lighting match, holding up left hand and striking with right. C Action of lighting pipe. D Putting pipe into mouth. E Emit smoke.
 - 4th verse.—Action of holding pen with right hand and writing along a line beginning from left at B and D.
 - 5th verse.—-Action of holding mug in right hand and taking a long draught at B and D.
 - 6th verse.—Left hand across breast, hat in right hand, making a low bow at B and D, lifting head again at C and E. Continue the same in time and march out.





Old King Cole



2 Old King Cole was a merry old soul, And a merry old soul was he. He called for his pipe, and he called for his bowl,

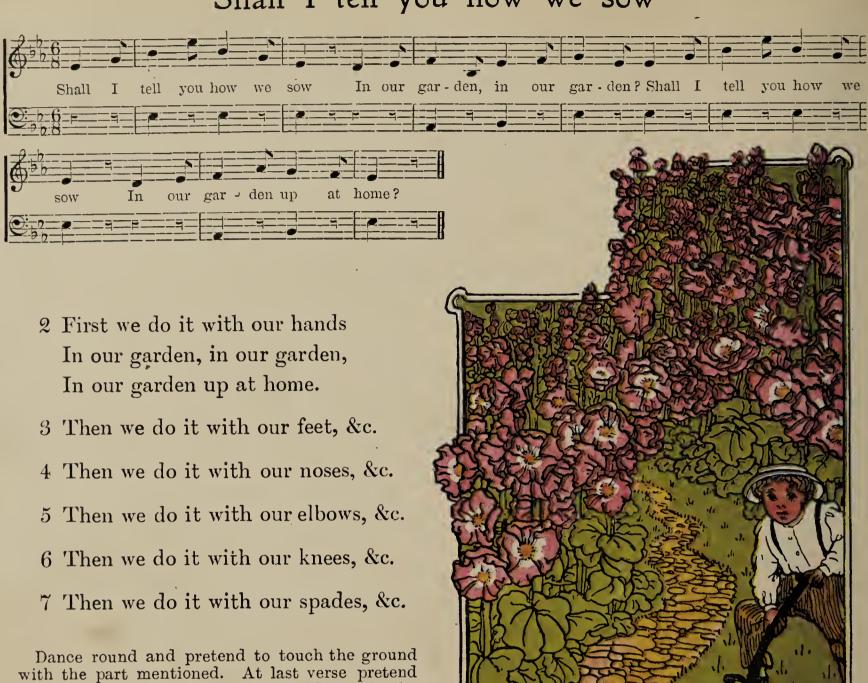
(Repeat these 4 lines at beginning of every verse).

And he called for his pipers three.

- (b) Fifee, fifee, fifee.
- 3 Old King Cole, &c.
 And he called for his drummers three.
 - (c) Drummee, drummee, &c.
- 4 Old King Cole, &c.
 And he called for his dancers three.
 - (d) Dancee, dancee, &c.
- 5 Old King Cole, &c.
 And he called for his jumpers three.
 - (e) Jumpee, jumpee, &c.
- 6 Old King Cole, &c.
 And he called for his runners three.
 - (f) Runnee, runnee, &c.
- (a) Pretend to fiddle. (b) To play the fife. (c) To (drum with both hands. (d) Mark time (see p. 8). (e) All jump together. (f) All run round in time to music and then out.

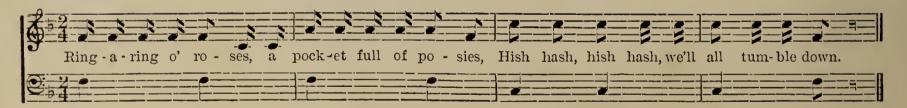


Shall I tell you how we sow



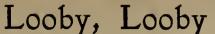
with the part mentioned. At last verse pretend to put foot on spade and push it in with the hands.

Ring a Ring of Roses



All the children dance round in a ring, and at the last line all fall down.



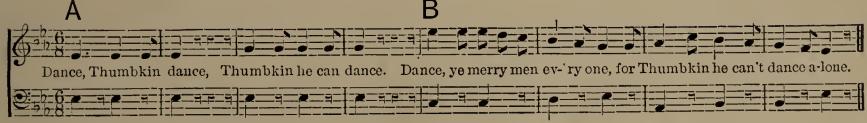




(C) Turn half-right, then half-left. From verse 6 onwards put one child after another

into circle till none are left.

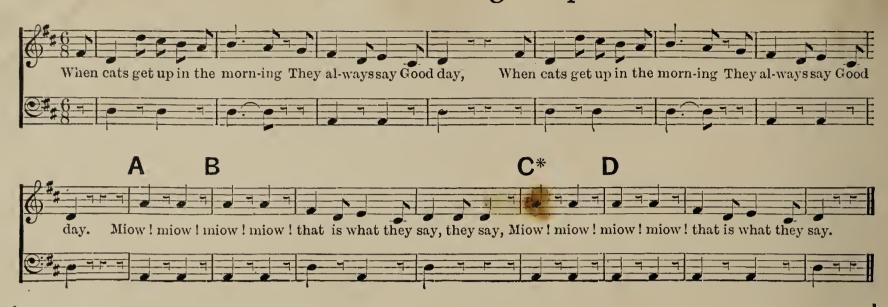
Dance, Thumbkin



- 2 Dance, foreman, dance, &c.
- 4 Dance, ringman, dance, &c.
- 3 Dance, middleman, dance, &c.
- 5 Dance, littleman, dance, &c.
- (A) As each finger is mentioned hold it up and beat time with it. (B) Wave all the fingers about.



When Cats get up



- 2 When dogs get up, &c.
 Bow-wow! bow-wow! &c.
- 3 When pigs get up, &c. Grunt! grunt!
- 4 When hens get up, &c. Cluck! cluck!

- 5 When ducks get up, &c. Quack! quack! &c.
- 6 When geese get up, &c. Hiss! hiss!
- 7 When donkeys get up, &c. Hee-haw! hee-haw!

8 When we get up, &c. Good-day! &c.

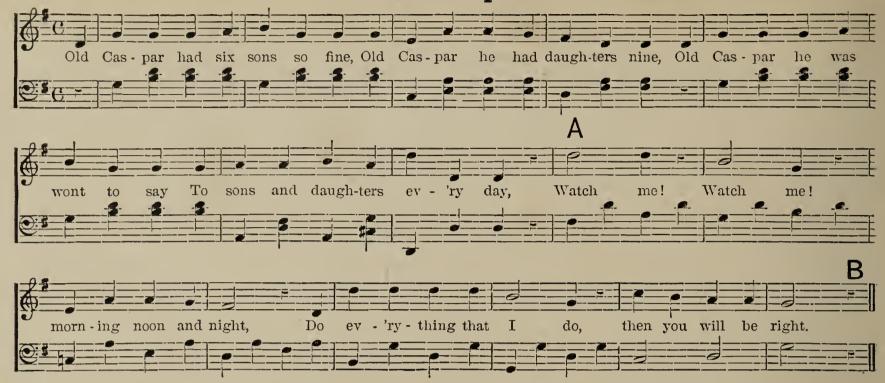
A B C and D, make noise of animal mentioned. Last verse make bow at *, walk out.



We are All nodding



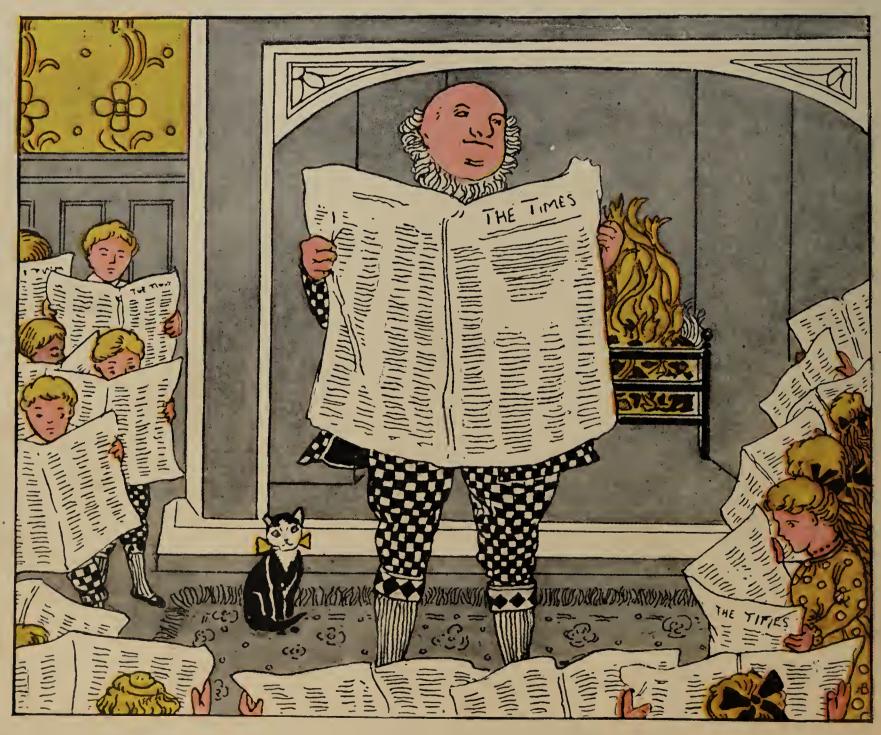
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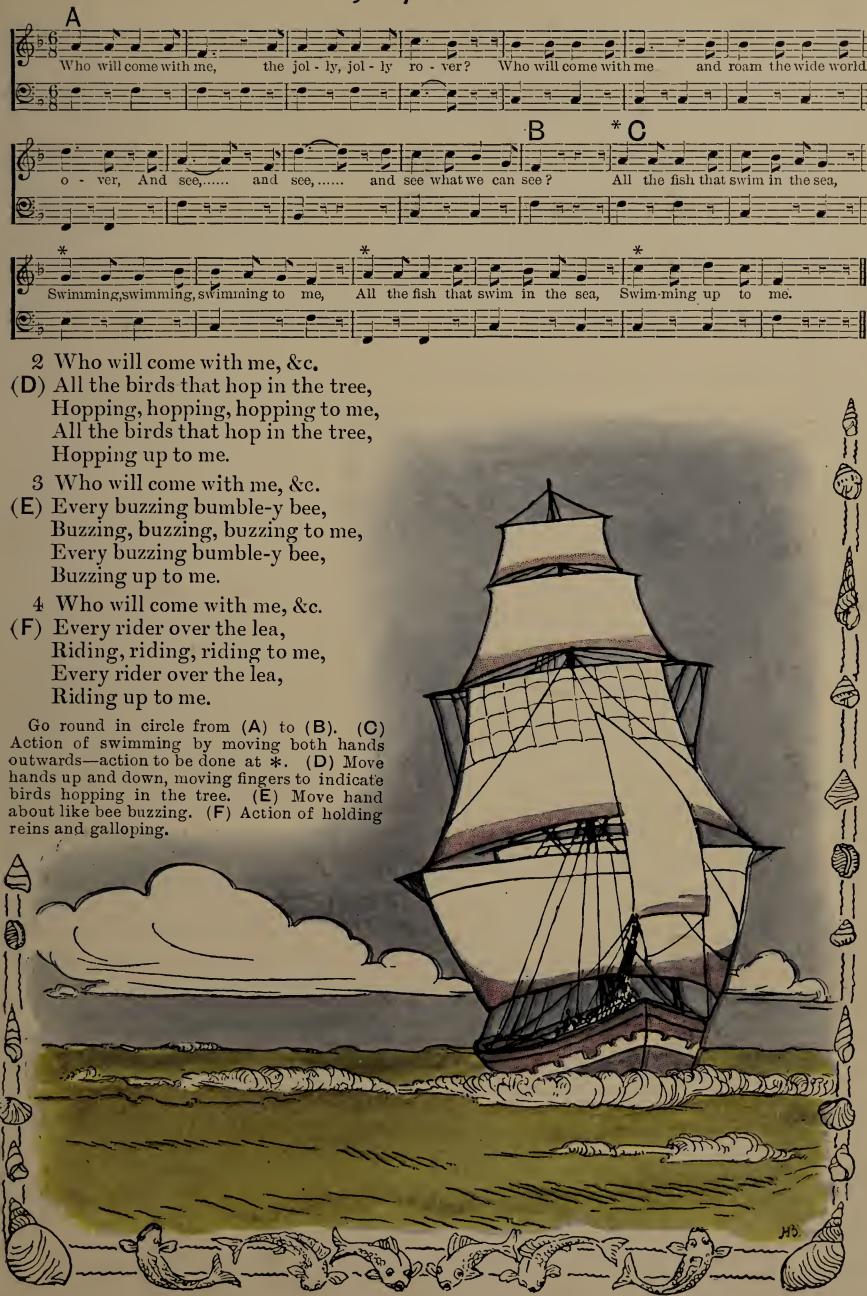
Old Caspar he would walk about,
And first look in and then look out,
Old Caspar he would say good-day,
And make a bow and then would say,
Watch me, &c.

Old Caspar would put on his hat, And first do this and then do that, And go this way and go that way, And so, and so, and then would say, Watch me, &c.

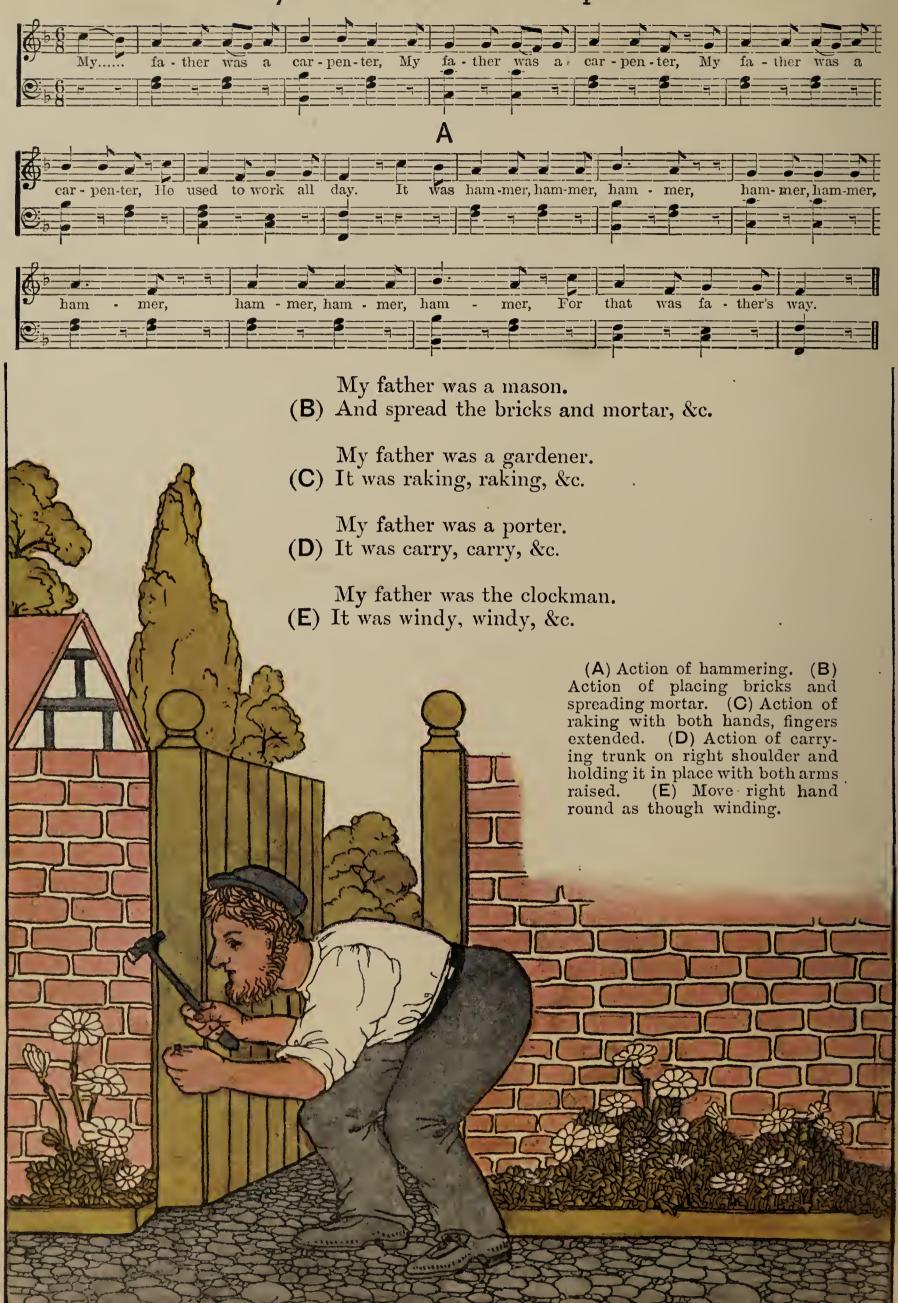
This is practically the game of follow my leader, and the required actions speak for themselves. It would be more effective to repeat from A to B twice. The first time balancing on the right foot, then left foot; the next time doing some action.



Jolly Rover



My Father was a Carpenter



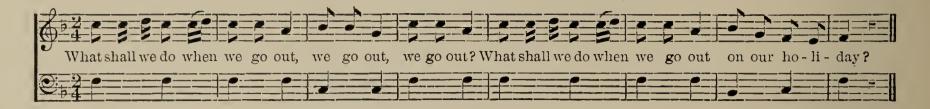
Washing Day



- (C) 'Twas on, &c.
 It is our sweeping day,
 For it's sweep, sweep, dust, dust, &c.
- (D) 'Twas on, &c.
 It is our scrubbing day,
 For it's rub, rub, scrub, scrub, &c.
- (E) 'Twas on, &c.
 It is our milking day.
 For it's milk, milk, pour, pour, &c.
- (F) 'Twas on, &c.
 It is our dancing day.
 For it's dance, dance, &c.

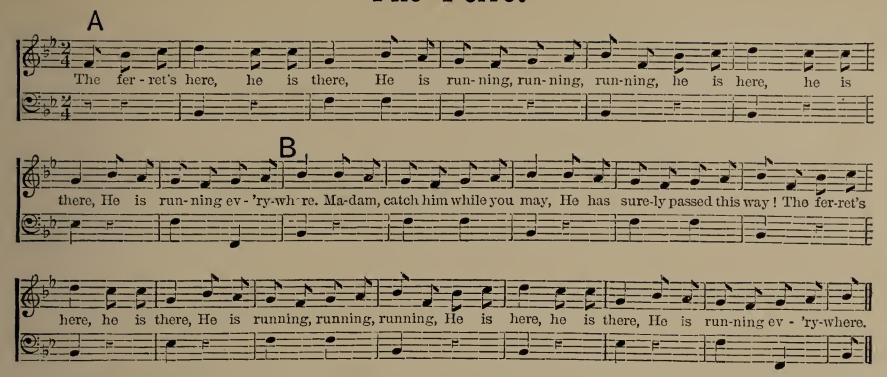


The Holiday





The Ferret



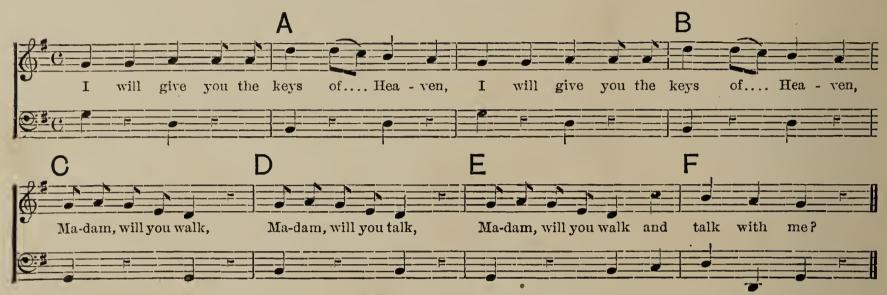
This is a singing accompaniment to the well-known game in which a ring is threaded on a string, the string fastened and held by a circle of players, by whom the ring is hidden from the one in the middle.



ACTION SONGS

SECOND SERIES

The Keys of Heaven



Though you give me the Keys of Heaven, Though you give me the Keys of Heaven, Yet I will not walk, (I) and I will not talk; No, I will not walk or talk (J) with you.

I will give you a coach and six,
Six black horses as black as pitch.
Madam, will you walk, &c.
Though you give me a coach and six,
Six black horses as black as pitch,
Yet I will not walk, &c.

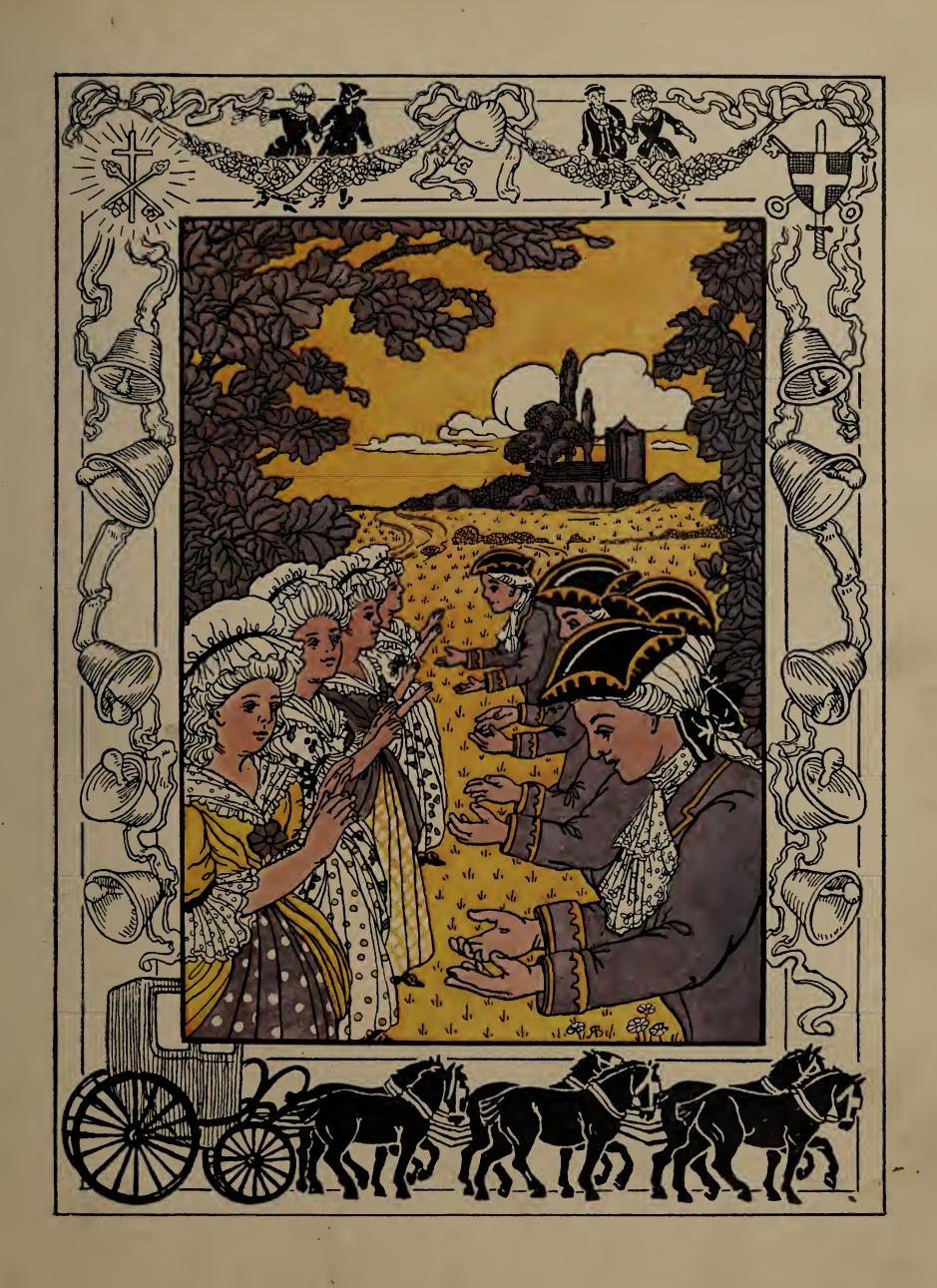
I will give you a blue silk gown,
To make you fine when you go to town,
Madam, will you walk, &c.
Though you give me a blue silk gown,
To make me fine when I go to town,
Yet I will not walk, &c.

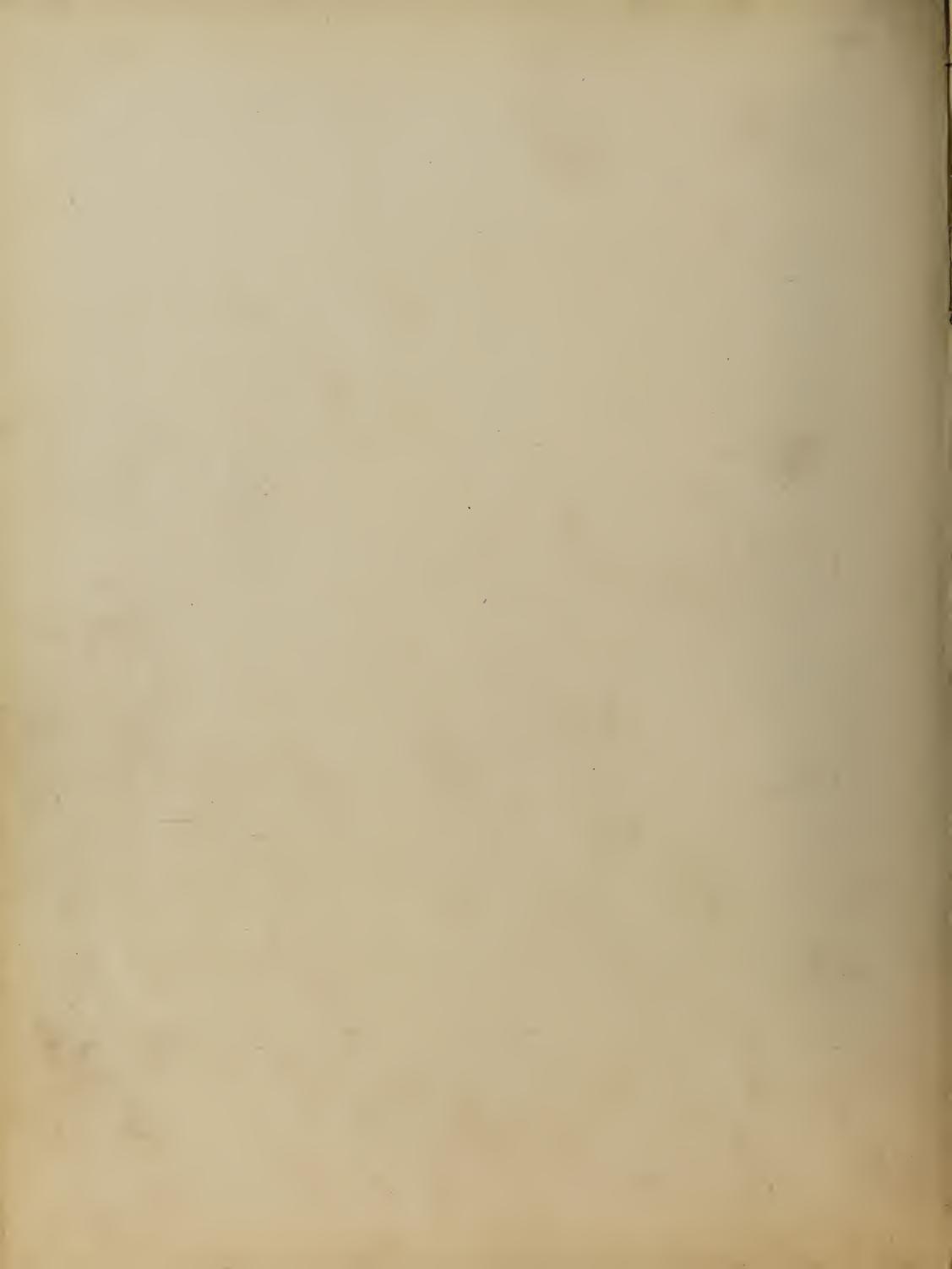
I will give you the keys of Canterbury,
That all the bells of England may ring and make us merry.
Madam, will you walk, &c.
Though you give me the keys of Canterbury,
That all the bells of England may ring and make us merry,
Yet I will not walk.

I will give you the keys of my heart, (K)
And we will be married till death us do part.
Madam, will you walk, &c.
Thou shalt give me the keys of thy heart,
And we will be married till death us do part,
Yes, I will walk, &c.

Come in as in diagram, Fig. 1, p. 13: stand in two slanting lines. Boys holding their hats in left hand hanging down by their side and holding out the other hand as though offering something to the girls at (A) and (B). (C) Two steps forwards. (D) Gallantly (E) offer hand. (F) Extend left hand with hat in it as though pointing to a place to go to. (G) Girls put out left hand as though repulsing boys. (I) Shake heads slowly on first note of the bar. (J) Make deep curtsey. (K) Boys, right hands on heart. (L) Girls come forward, holding out hands. (M) All form into couples and come forward hand in hand and dance out as in diagram, p. 16, L.

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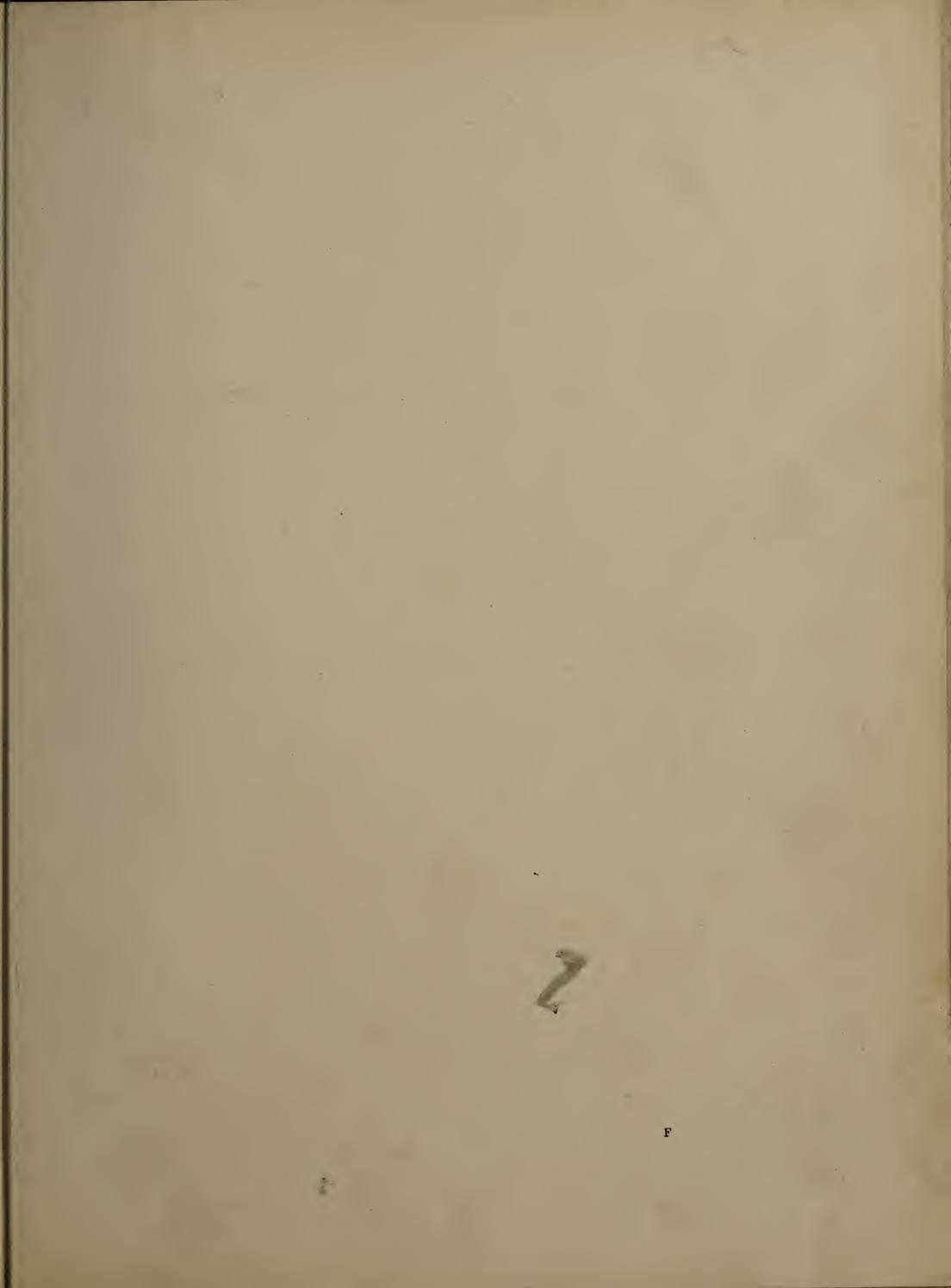






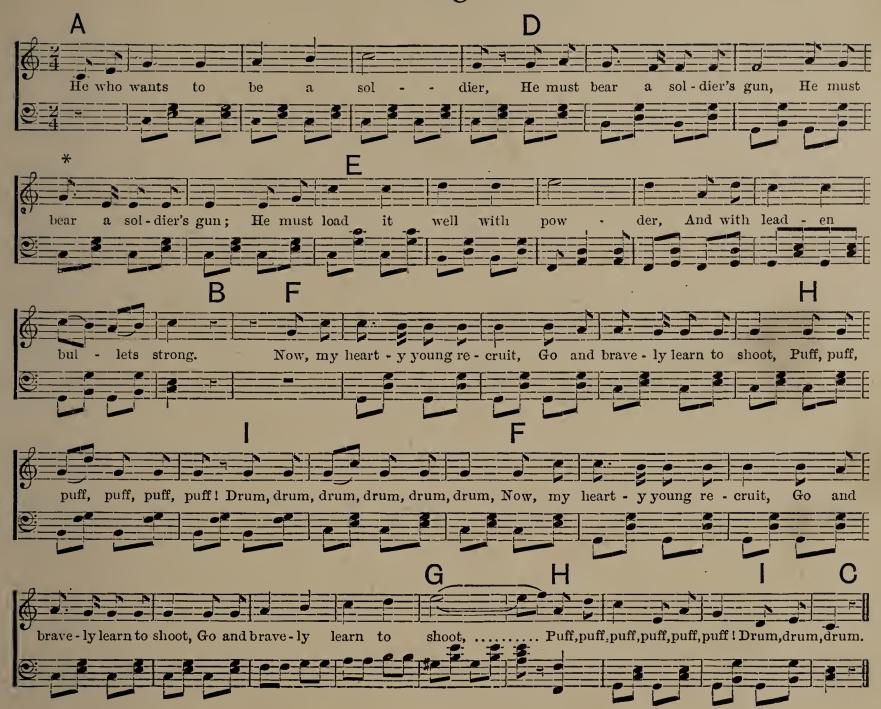
My Pretty Maid







The Young Recruit



And by his left side hanging,
He must wear a shining sword (bis) (J)
That he smite the foe advancing, (K)
Till his life-blood be out-poured. (L)
Now my hearty young recruit, &c.

And a horse to ride in battle, (M)

And some spurs of silver too, (bis) (N)

That amid the din and rattle

He may keep his charger true. (O)

Now my hearty young recruit, &c.

And one thing most is needed,
He must have a soldier's heart, (bis) (P)
Lest he die disgraced, unheeded,
Having played the coward's part. (R)
Now my hearty young recruit, &c.

Play tune through from (A) to (B), then singers march in, Fig. 2, p. 13.

- (C) Form in row facing audience.
- (D) Action of holding gun at side.
- (E) Action of holding gun in left hand and loading it with right.
- (F) Mark time with feet at 1st and 3rd quaver of the bars as far as (G).
 - (H) Pretend to lift gun and shoot.
 - (I) Pretend to drum with both hands.
 - (J) Hold sword with right hand.
 - (K) Draw it out.
 - (L) Point to ground.
 - (M) Hold horse's bridle.
 - (N) Point to spurs.
 - (O) Same as (M).
 - (P) Right hand on heart.
 - (R) Action of shunning with right hand.

Poor Mary



- (B) Pray tell me why you're weeping, You're weeping, you're weeping, Pray tell me why you're weeping, On a bright summer day.
- (C) I'm weeping for a lover, A sweetheart, a lover, I'm weeping for a sweetheart, On a bright summer day.
- (D) Pray Mary choose your lover, Your lover, your lover, Pray Mary choose your lover, On a bright summer day.

If more children than one are available, say "Poor maidens are a-weeping," instead of "Poor Mary is." Girls walk in (diagram 1) hanging their heads, holding their handkerchiefs to their eyes on the first beat of the bar.

(B) Boys come in jauntily from other side looking at them.

(C) Girls—left hands on heart, right hands hanging down with handkerchiefs, shake heads from side to side sadly on first beat of bar.

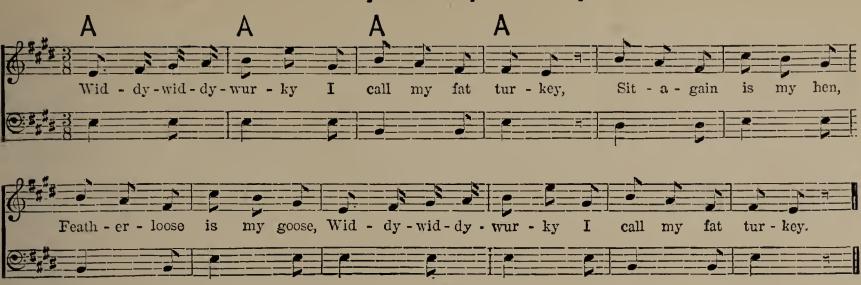
(D) Boys—gallantly take off hats with right hand,

with a flourish, and make a low bow.

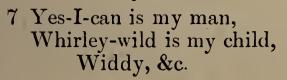
Repeat last verse all together, the girls holding out their left hands to boys, and walk out (diagram 4, last part of part iv.).



Widdy-Widdy-Wurky



- 2 Quacky-wuck is my duck, Velvet-mat is my cat, Widdy, &c.
- 3 Shiny-coat is my goat, Tub-of-wine is my swine, Widdy, &c.
- 4 Run-a-course is my horse, Milky-ow is my cow, Widdy, &c.
- 5 What's-o'clock is my cock, Run-around is my hound, Widdy, &c.
- 6 Nice-look-out is my house, Dart-about is my mouse, Widdy, &c.



This is sung by the children in a semicircle. They come in in single file (diagram, Fig. 2). Each child takes the name of an animal, and as each name is mentioned, the child whose name it is must clap hands in time. (A) All clap hands together. At the end all march out, the leaders first, each child falling into place as its name is mentioned. Go round in single file once and then out.



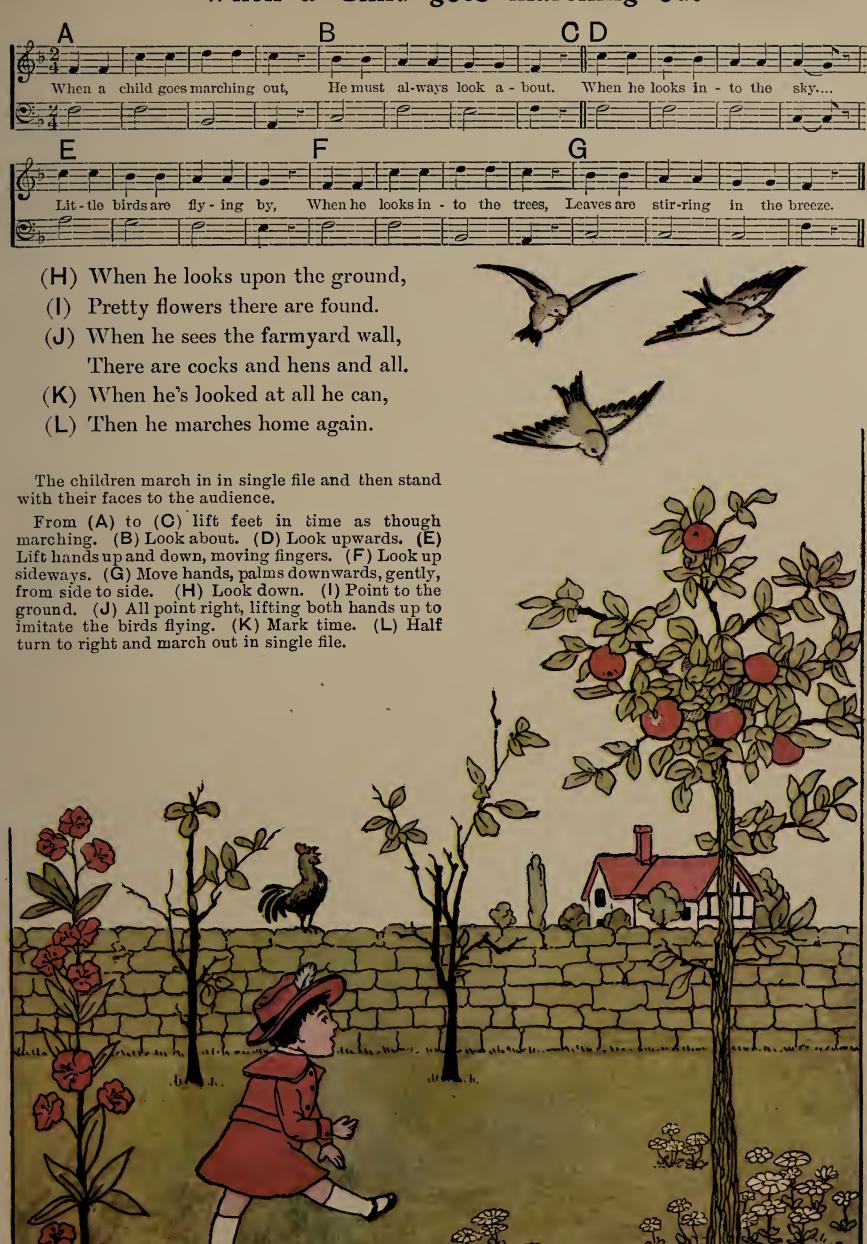
Blow away the Morning Dew



This is prettier sung by girls only. They should come in gracefully, one step on the first crochet of each bar. At A wave handkerchiefs (coloured ones are more effective than white), marking time with cross step.



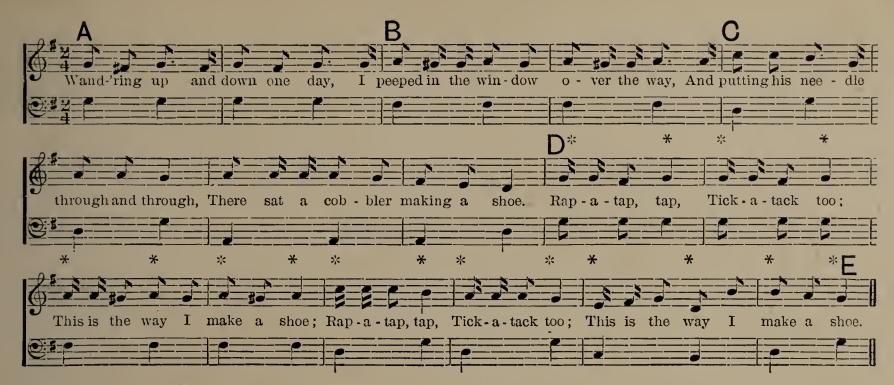
When a Child goes marching out



The Hares



The Cobbler



- (F) See how neatly o'er the last, He draws down the leather, making it fast,
- (G) And putting his "waxed ends" through and through,
 Ever his hands and body work too.
 Rap-a-tap, &c.
- (H) Now with hammer hear him tap
 The shoe now so firmly fixed in his
 lap,
- (J) And moving his head both up and down,
 Yet on his face there's never a frown.
 Rap-a-tap, &c.

(A) Move hand from side to side. (B) Point with right fore finger. (C) Action of putting needle in and pulling it out. (D) to (E) Tap with right fist on left at * in every verse. (F) Action of stretching leather by pulling the two hands apart. (G) Putting in needle with one hand and taking it out with the other. (H) Action of hammering. (J) Move head up and down with a smile.



The Old Man and his Wife



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(E) But you must watch the speckled hen,
For fear she lay away, sir,
And you must watch the spool of yarn,
That I spun yesterday, sir.

(F) The old wife took the stick in hand, And went to drive the plough, sir,

- (G) The old man took the pail in hand,
- (H) And went to milk the cow, sir.

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- (I) But Tiney winced and fussed about, And Tiney cocked her nose, sir,
- (J) And Tiney gave the man a kick,
- (K) That blood ran from the blows, sir.
- (L) Oh Tiney! pretty Tiney, dear,
 My pretty cow, stand still, ah!
- (M) If you I milk another day, It's sore against my will, ah!

Boys and girls in two slanting lines.

- (A) Boys—Mark time with forefinger as though emphasising what they are saying.
- (B) Girls—Nodding their heads on the first note of the bar.
- (C) ,, Point to themselves by touching their breasts with right hand.
- (D) ,, Point to boys with forefinger.
- (E) ,, Tap on right palm with forefinger and middle finger of left hand.
- (F) ,, Action of taking stick with right hand and lifting feet in time as if walking.
- (G) Boys-Action of lifting up pail.
- (H) ,, Action of milking by pulling down first with one hand then with the other.
- (I) ,, Action of jumping from side to side to get out of the way (always on 1st note of bar).

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(N) He went to feed the little pigs
That were within the stye, sir,

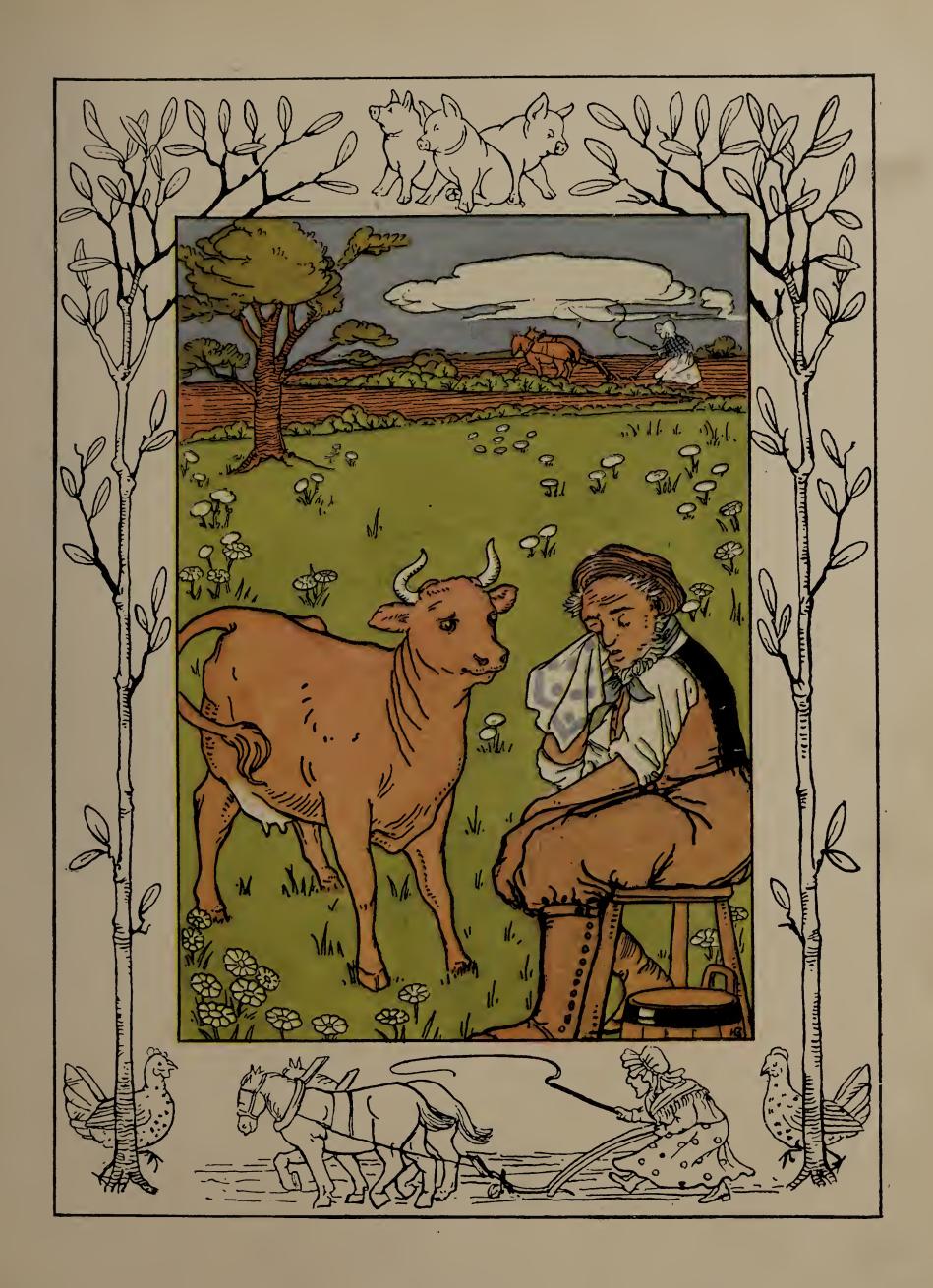
(O) But knocked his head against the door, Which made the blood to fly, sir.

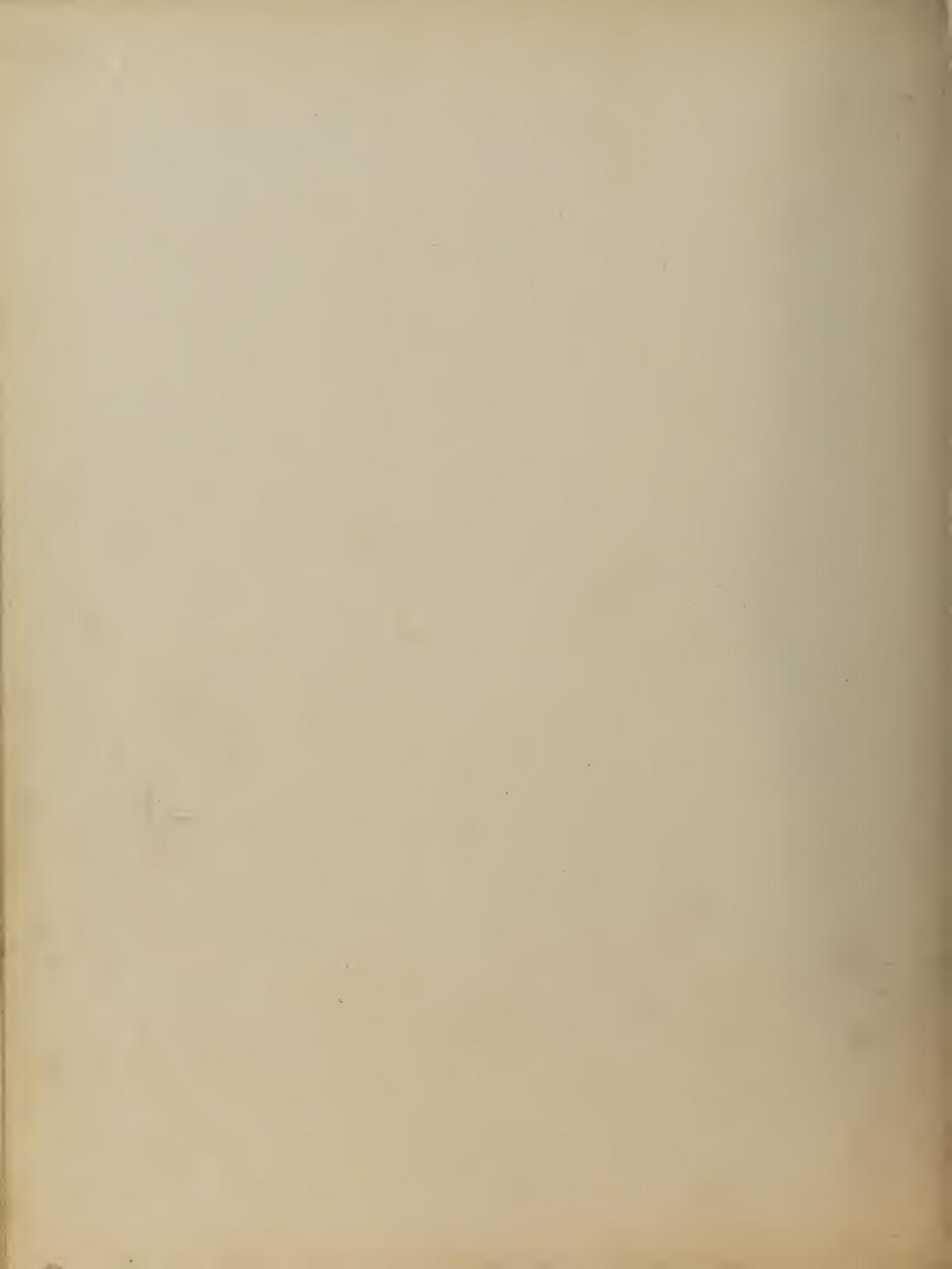
(P) He went to watch the speckled hen, Lest she should lay away, sir,

(Q) But clean forgot the spool of yarn, His wife spun yesterday, sir.

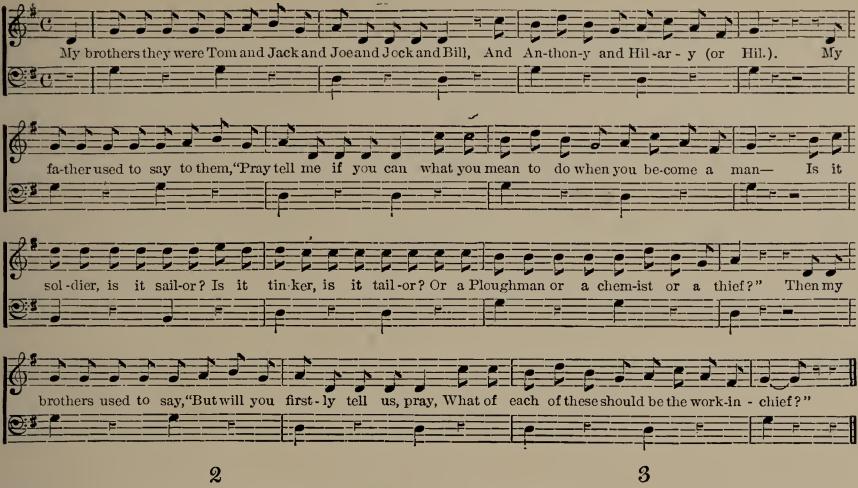
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- (R) He went within to fetch a stick, To give the pig his hire, sir,
- (S) But she ran in between his legs And cast him in the mire, sir.
- (T) And as he looked at pig and cow, He said, I do agree, sir, If my wife never works again,
- (U) She'll not be blamed by me, sir.
 - (J) Boys—Kick with right foot and clap hands to nose.
 - (K) Girls—Laughing.
 - (M) Boys—Shaking heads.
 - (N), Action of stooping down and throwing food.
 - (O) ,, Lift hands suddenly to head.
 - (P) ,, Stoop down, knees bent and hands upon them.
 - (Q) Girls—Laughing and action of spinning.
 - (R) Boys—Turn away and lift feet in time as though walking.
 - (S) ,, Fall sitting down. (T) ,. Still sitting down.
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 (U) Girls—Repeat four last lines with the boys—laughing and holding out hands to help boys up, and dance out.



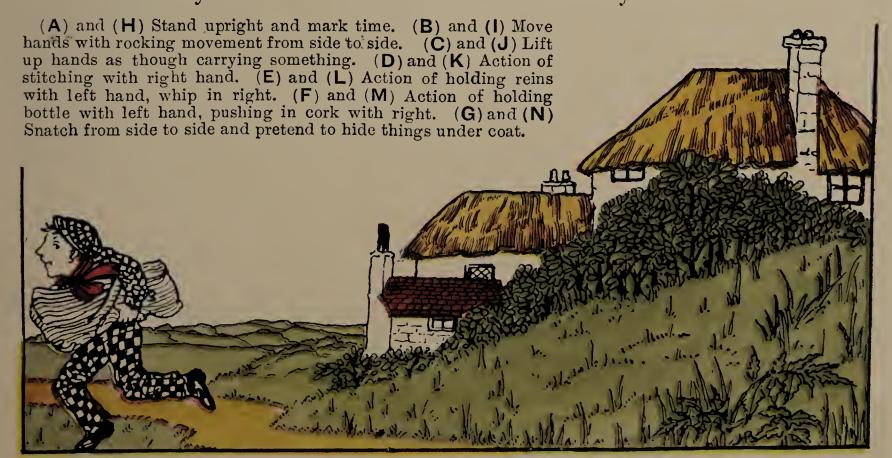


The Seven Brothers

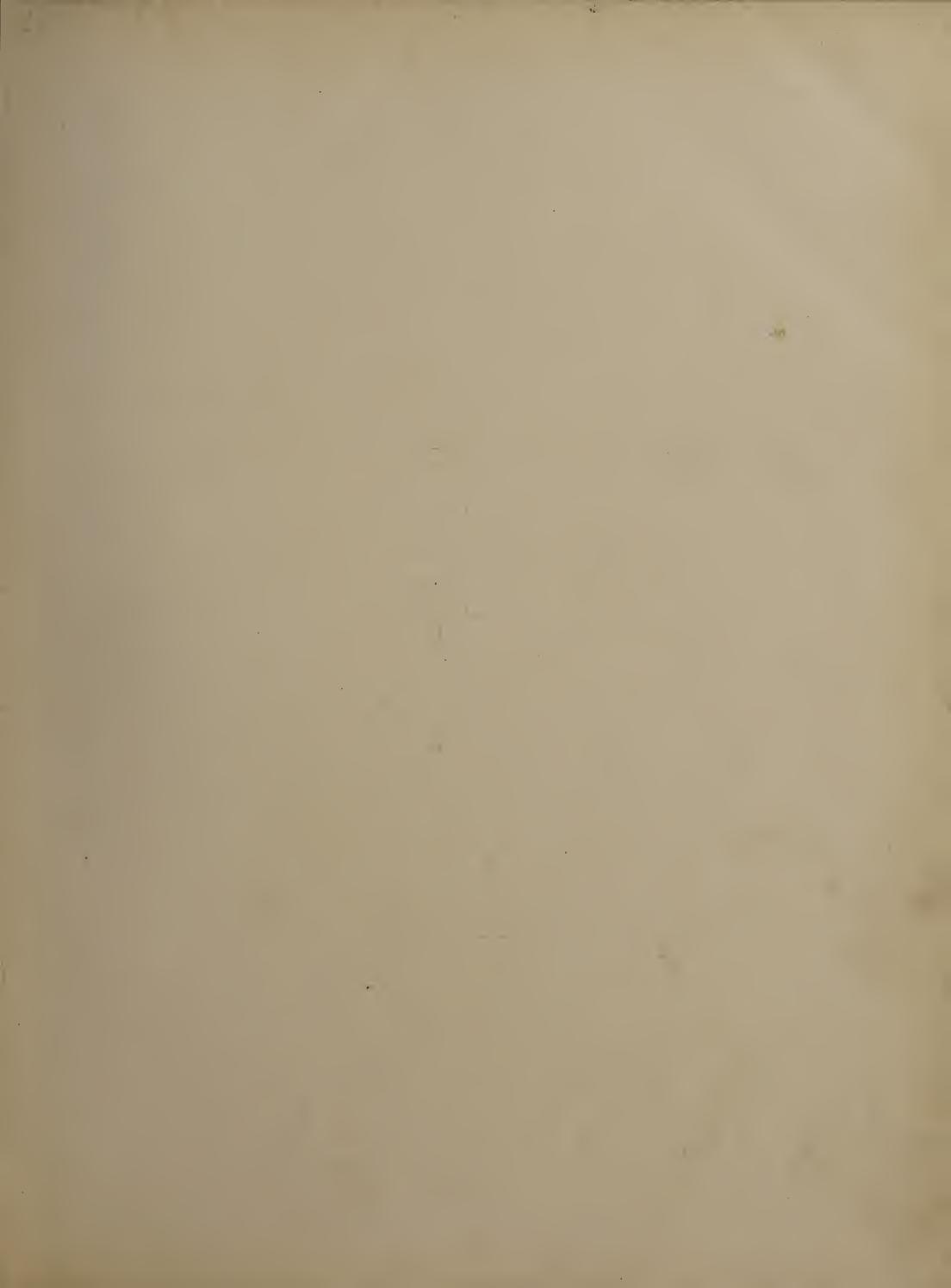


- (A) A soldier learns to drill and shoot to guard his native land.
- (B) A sailor has to learn to live affoat.
- (C) A tinker carries pots and pans that jingle in his hand.
- (D) A tailor sits astitching at a coat.
- (E) A ploughman drives his horses out and keeps his furrow straight.
- (F) A chemist corks his bottles all the day.
- (G) A thief's a very wicked man, and dreadful to relate,
 - He takes other people's things and runs away.

- (H) So Tommy's now a soldier and he drills and learns to fight,
- (I) And Jack became a sailor on the sea,
- (J) And Joe's a merry tinker and he keeps his kettles bright,
- (K) And Jock he chose a tailor for to be,
- (L) And Bill he is a ploughman and he drives his horses well,
- (M) And Anthony corks bottles all the day;
- (N) But Hilary's a naughty thief, and very sad to tell,
 - He takes other people's things and runs away.













(N) Strike up, says Wat,—(O) agreed, says Mat,

And I prithee, fiddler, play;

(P) Content, says Hodge, (R) and so says Madge,

For this is a holiday.

(S) Then every lad did doff His hat unto his lass,

(T) And every girl did curtsey, curtsey, Curtsey on the grass.

(U) Then after an hour they went to a bower

And played for ale and cakes,

(V) And kisses, too, until they were due

(W) The lasses held the stakes.

(X) The girls did then begin To quarrel with the men,

(Y) And bade them take their kisses back, And give them their own again.

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(Z) Good-night, says Harry, good-night, says Mary, Good-night, says Dolly to John; Good-night, says Sue to her sweetheart Hugh,

Good-night, says Sue to her sweetheart Hugh,

(AA) Good-night, says every one.

Some did walk and some did run,

Some loitered on the way,

And bound themselves by kisses twelve

To meet next holiday. (BB)

Dance in (Diagram 1) and stand in slanting lines facing one another. (A) and (C) Balance on right foot. (B and D) Balance on left foot and turn smiling from side to side. (E) Couples take hands, right hands in left and balance as before: (E) and (G) to right (F) and (H) to left, swinging joined hands backwards and forwards. (I) Loose hands, take three steps to right, jumping on the last. (J) Repeat same to left; (K) same to right. (L) Two steps to left and stand with feet together at (M). The last four bars should be played between each verse. (N) Boys sing (one, two, or more, as available). (O) Four more boys. (P) Four more boys. (R) Four girls. (S) Boys take off hats and make a bow. (T) Girls curtsey, holding frocks. Boys still with hats in hand. (U) Extend right arm, pointing with right forefinger in time at the beginning of each bar. (V) Girls look down coyly, hiding their faces by holding left hand to right cheek. (W) Boys advance towards girls. (X) Girls put their arms akimbo and all half-turn facing audience away from boys, tossing their heads. (Y) Girls stretch out right hands as though pushing boys back. (Z) Each good-night sung by different boys and girls, one bowing the other curtseying. (AA) The same done altogether. Each couple then join hands, going forward to alternate sides (as at the beginning). (BB) All stand facing audience and mark time. Dance out at beginning of tune.

SHORT SONGS AT SUPPER TIME

Peter Polt



Table Army



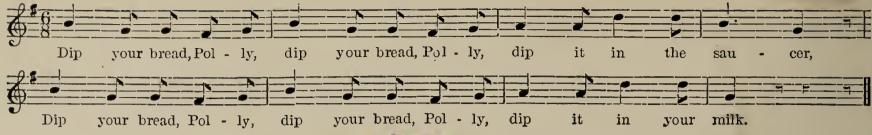
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Away with Melancholy

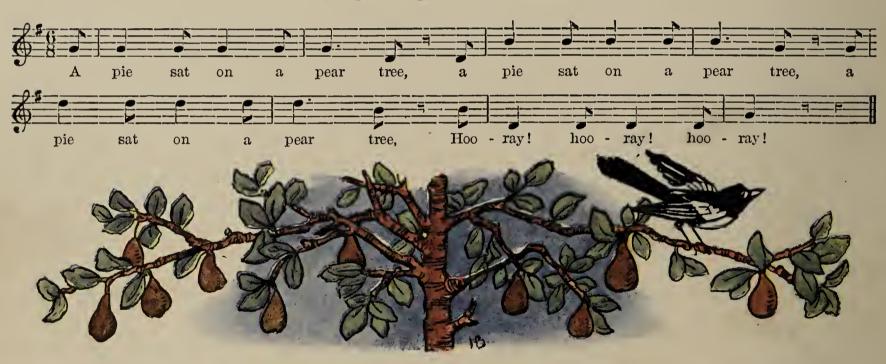


Dip your Bread, Polly





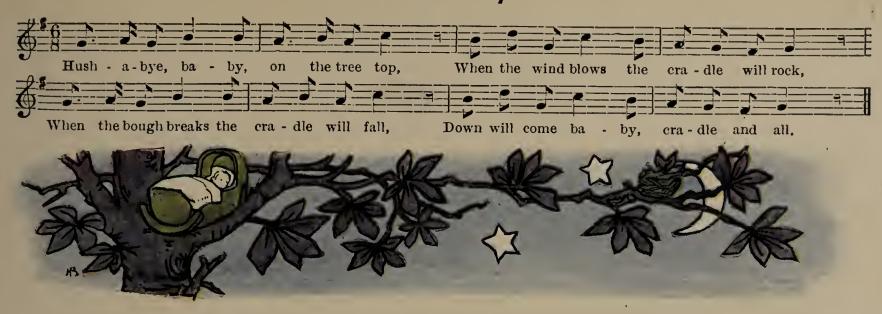
A Pie sat on a Pear Tree



Goosey, Goosey Gander



Hush-a-bye



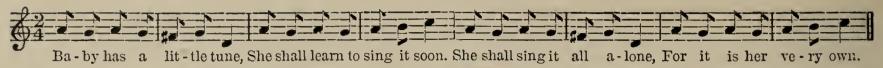
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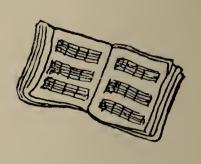


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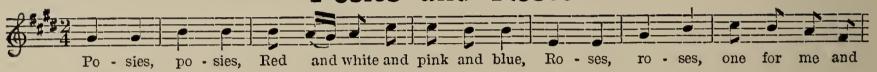








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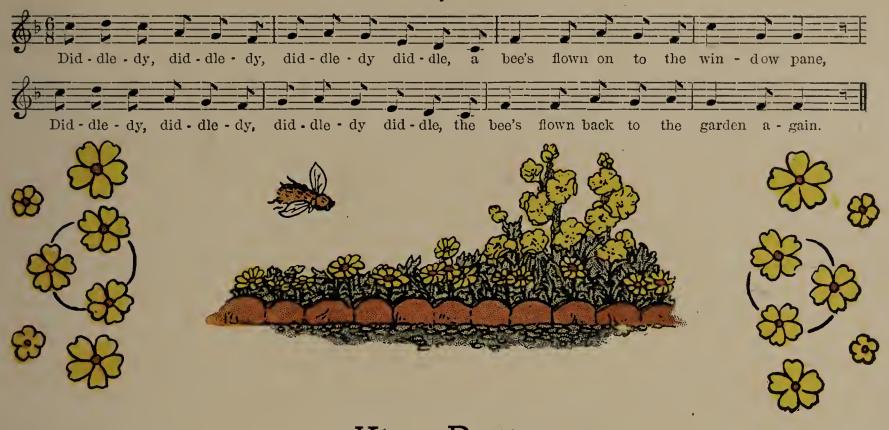




Polly Flinders



Diddle-dy Diddle



Kitty Pretty



What must be must



See-Saw



Dogs to Mill



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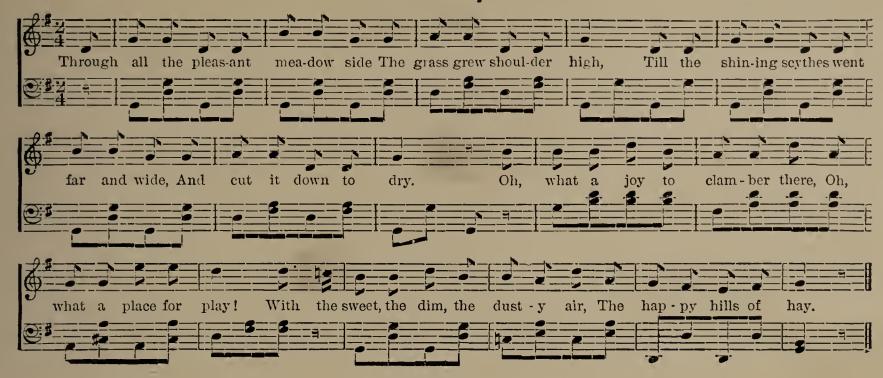
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SONGS WITHOUT ACTIONS



The Hayloft

Stevenson



These green and sweetly smelling crops,
'They led in waggons home;
And they piled them here in mountain tops,
For mountaineers to roam.
O what a joy, &c.

Here is Mount Clare, Mount Rusty-nail,
Mount Eagle and Mount High;—
The mice that in these mountains dwell,
No happier are than I!
O what a joy, &c.







The Wind

Stevenson



I saw the different things you did,
But always you yourself you hid.
I felt you push, I heard you call,
I could not see yourself at all.
Wind, O wind, &c.

O you that are so strong and cold, O blower, are you young or old? Are you a beast of field, of tree, Or just a stronger child than me? Wind, O wind, &c.



The Lamplighter

Stevenson



Now Tom would be a driver and Maria go to sea,
And my papa's a banker and as rich as he can be;
But I, when I am stronger, and can choose what I'm to do,
O Leerie, I'll go round at night and light the lamps with you.

For we are very lucky, with a lamp before the door,
And Leerie stops to light it as he lights so many more;
And O! before you hurry by with ladder and with light,
O Leerie, see a little child and nod to him to-night!



My Bed is a Boat

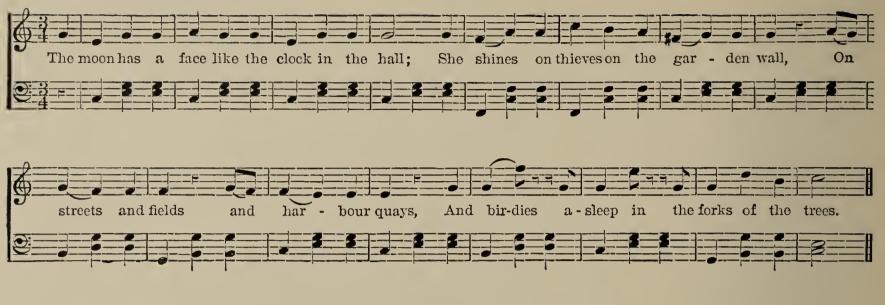






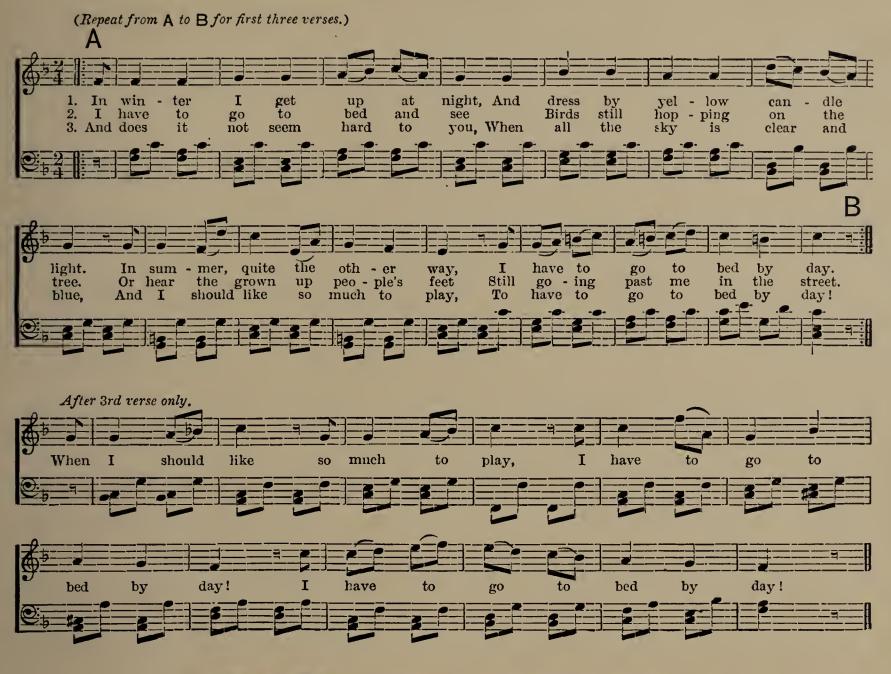


The Moon





Bed in Summer





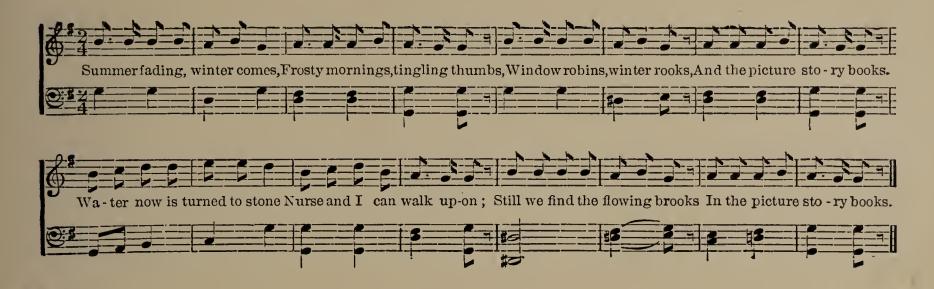
Where go the Boats

Stevenson



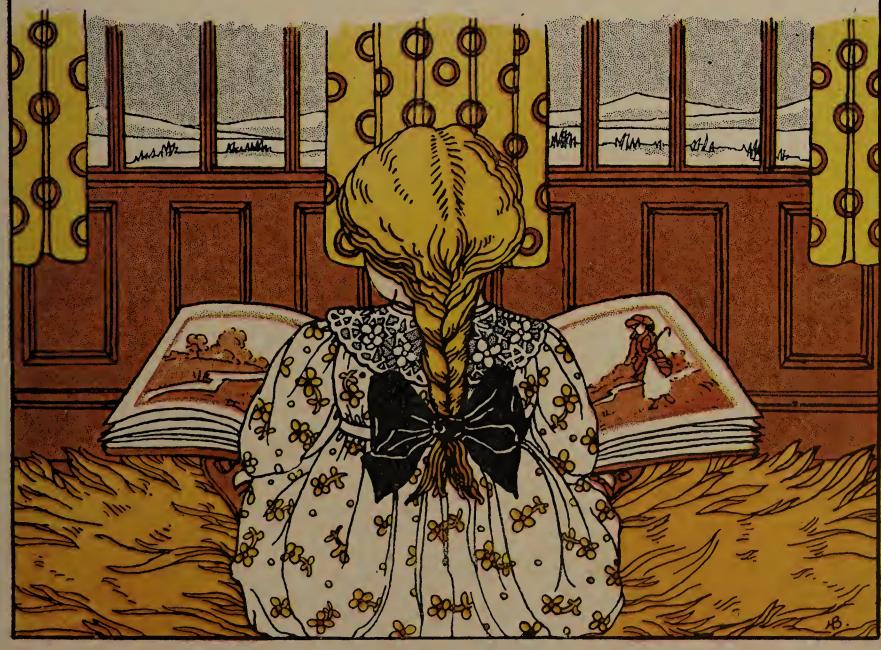
On goes the river, And out past the mill, Away down the valley, Away down the hill. Away down the river,
A hundred miles or more,
Other little children
Shall bring my boats ashore.
Other little children
Shall bring my boats ashore.





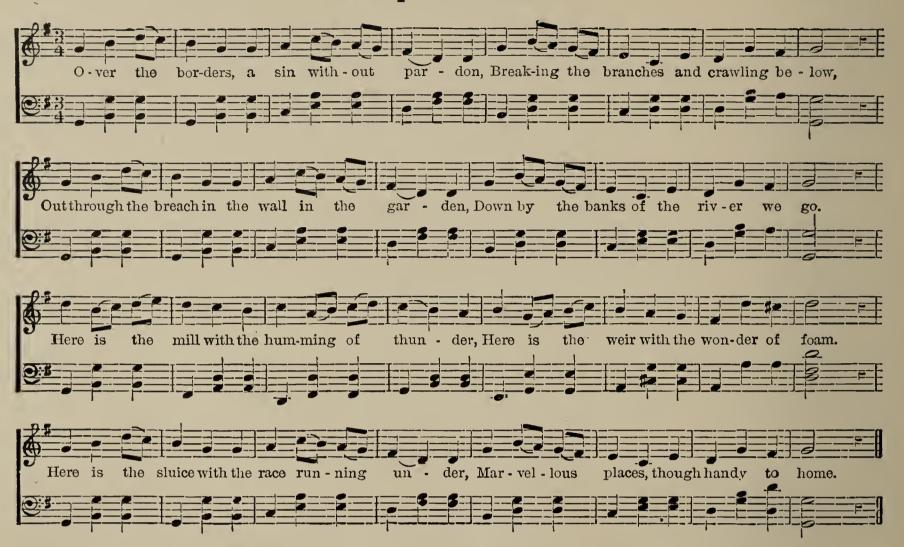
All the pretty things put by,
Wait upon the children's eye,
Sheep and shepherds, trees and crooks,
In the picture story-books.

We may see how all things are, Seas and cities, near and far, And the flying fairies' looks, In the picture story-books.



Keepsake Mill

Stevenson



Sounds of the village grow stiller and stiller, Stiller the note of the bird on the hill; Dusky and dim are the eyes of the miller, Deaf are his ears with the moil of the mill.

Years may go by and the wheel in the river,
Wheel as it wheels for us, children, to-day,
Wheel and keep roaring and foaming for ever,
Long after all the boys are away.

Home from the Indies and home from the ocean, Heroes and soldiers we all shall come home; Still we shall find the old mill wheel in motion, Turning and churning that river to foam.

You with the bean that I gave when we quarrelled,
I with your marble of Saturday last,
Honoured and old and all gaily apparelled,
Here we shall meet and remember the past.



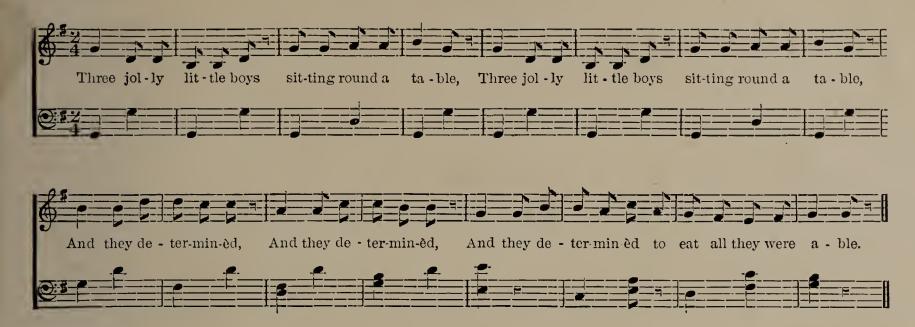
Hop, hop, hop



Molly Malone



Three Jolly Little Boys



2 Then drink, boys, eat, boys, sitting round a table, (twice)
For to-night we'll merry be (3 times), and feast while we are able.

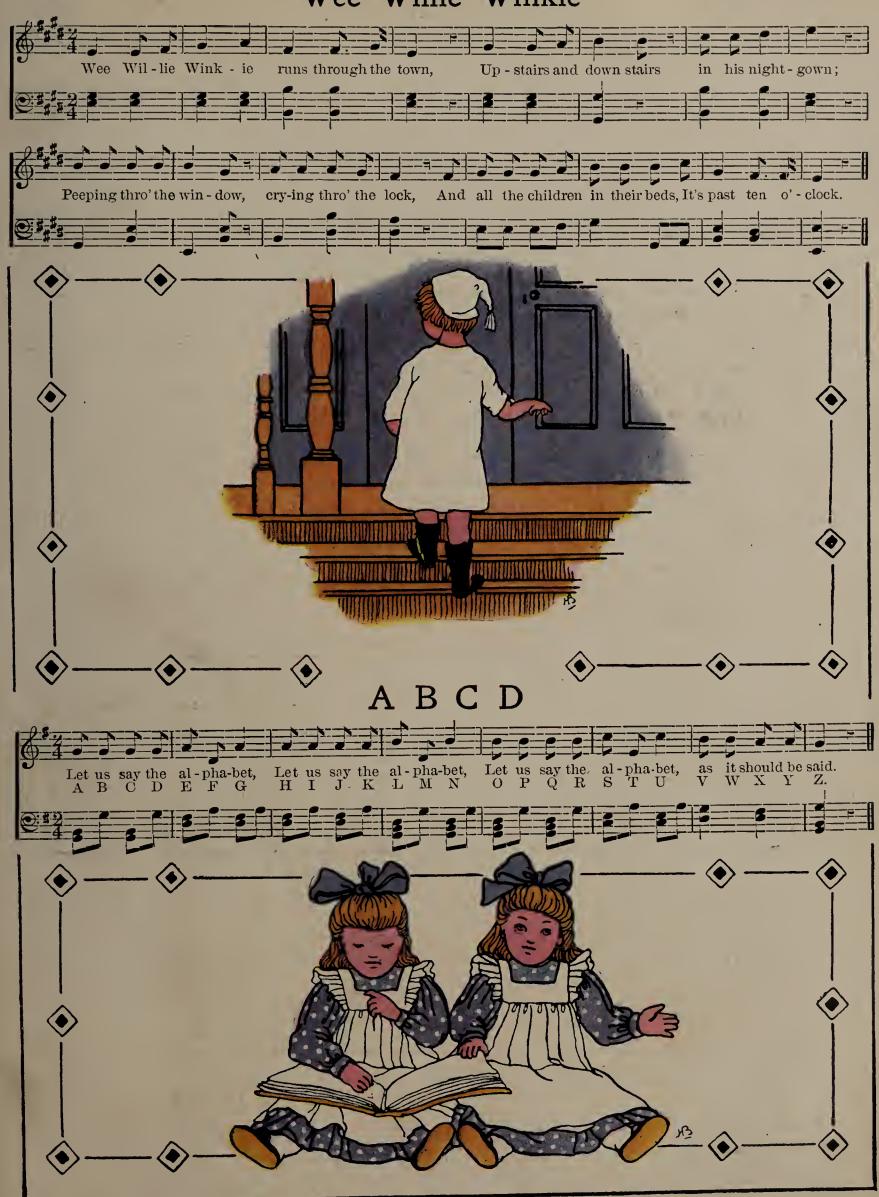


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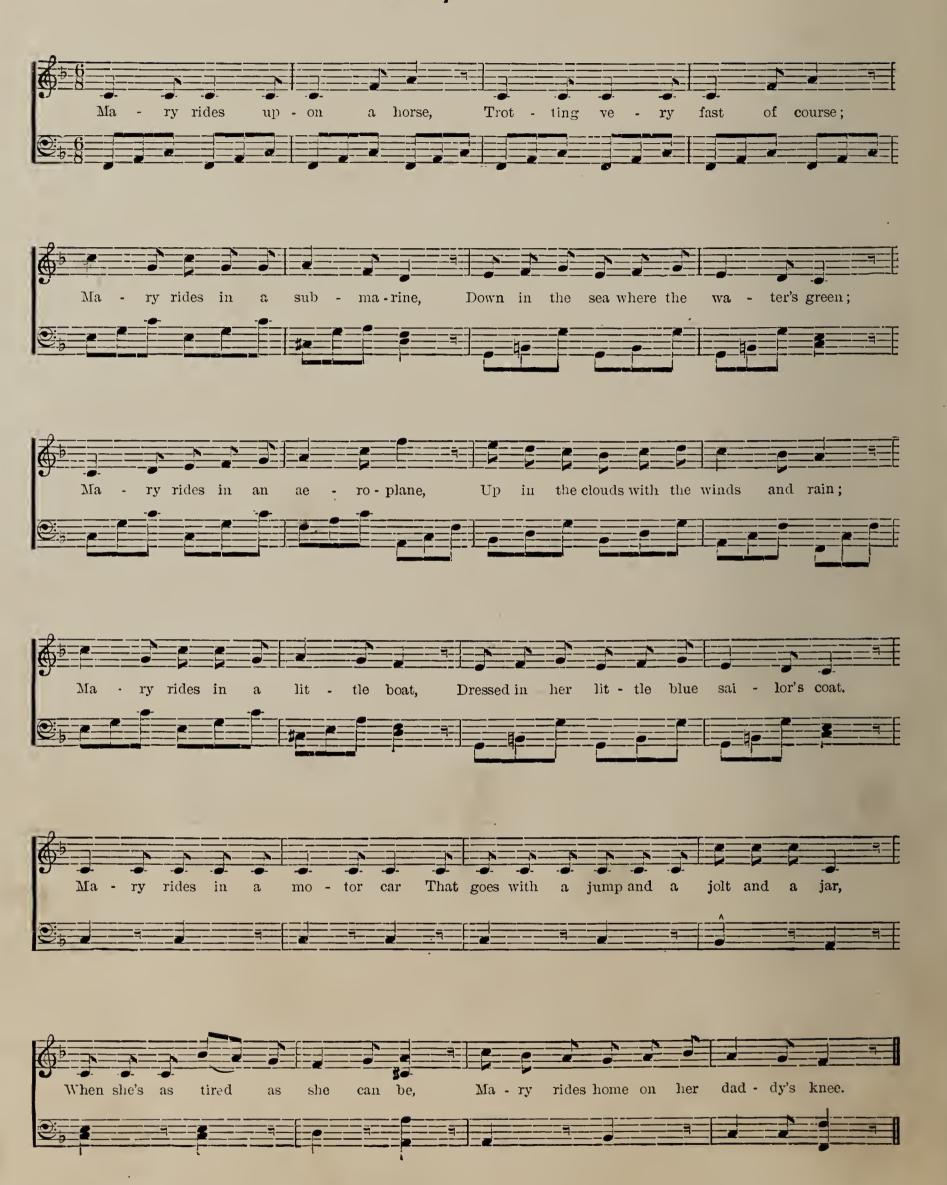
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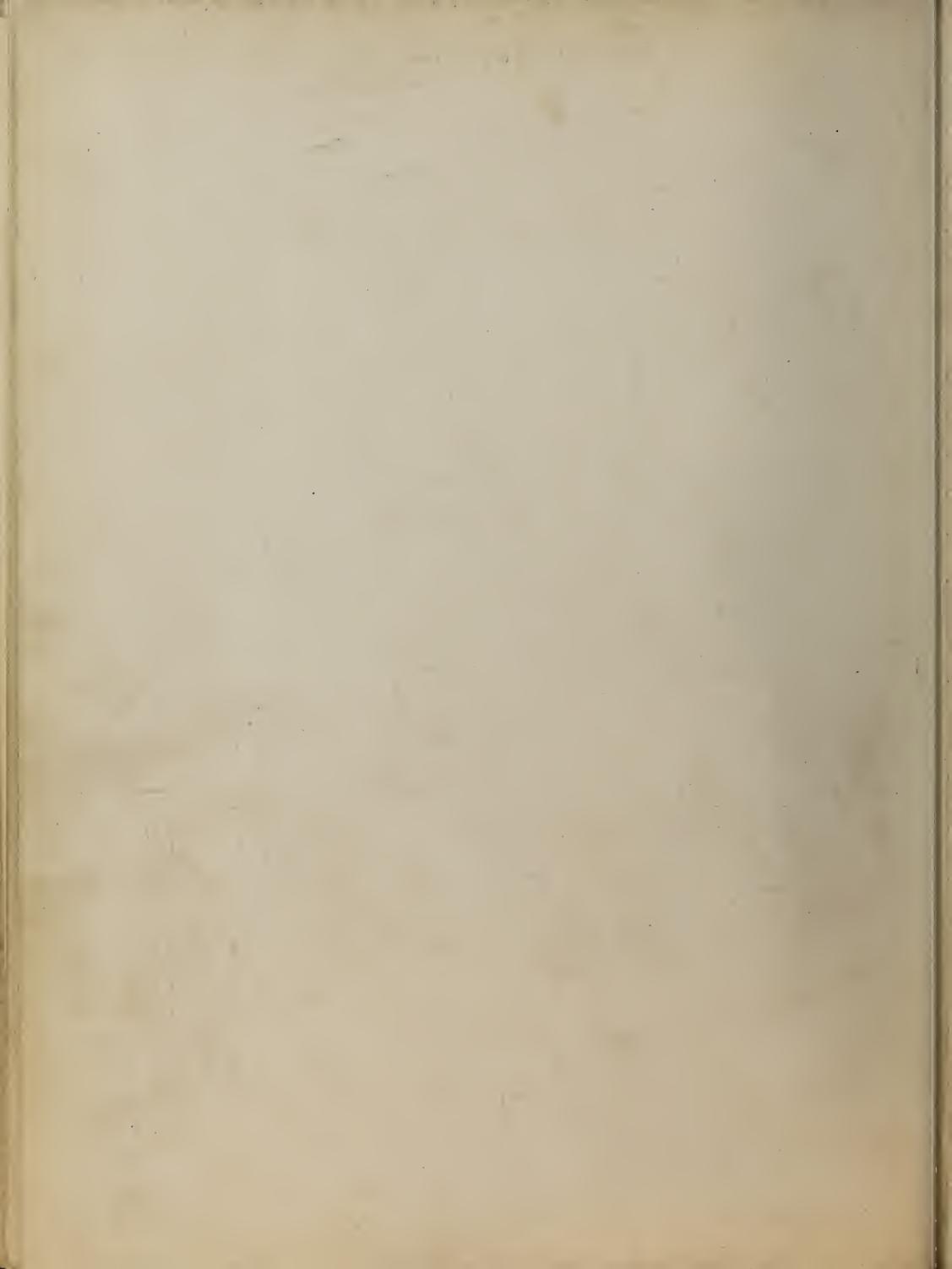
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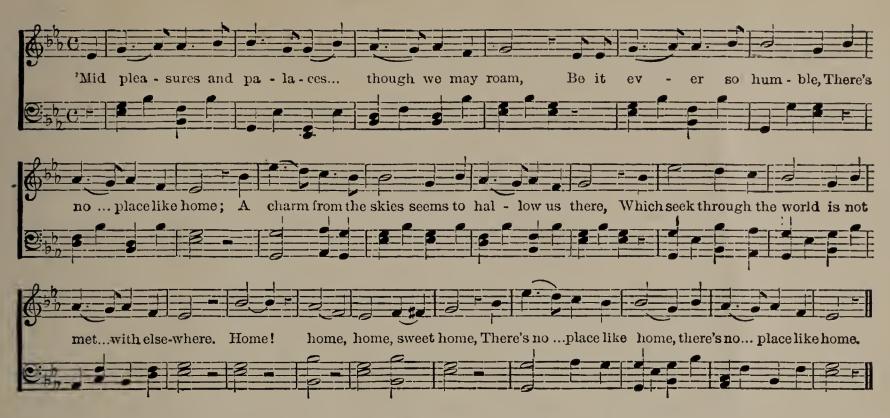
Mary Rides







Home, Sweet Home



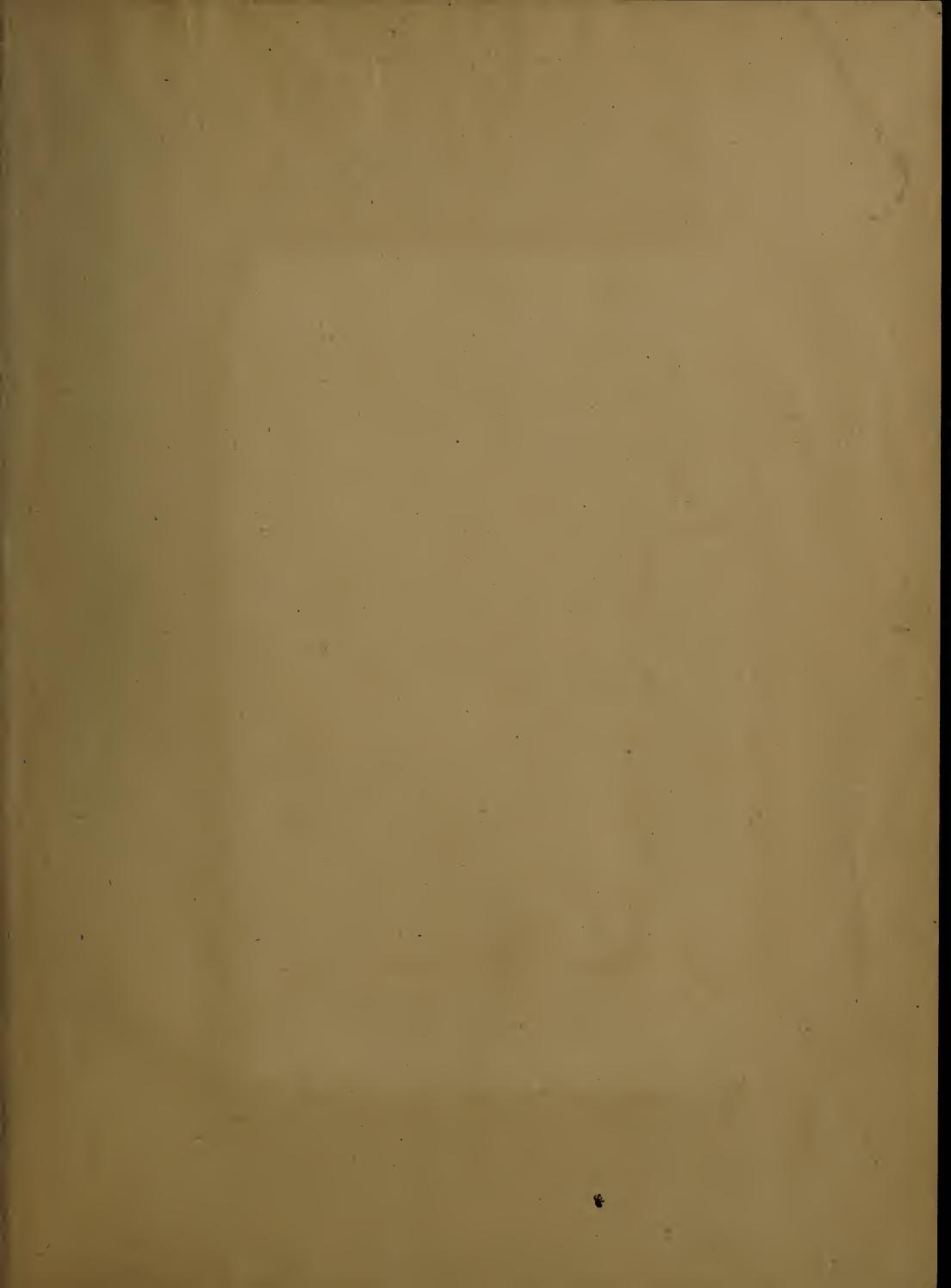


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